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## Amir patronises graduation ceremony

HH the Amir yesterday patronised the graduation ceremony of the 17th batch of police officers. He presented certificates to the outstanding cadets.

The ceremony was attended by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, and other officials.

Addressing the new officers Sheikh Salem said: "Law should be enforced strictly."

Sheikh Salem told the officers that "justice should be above everything". He asked them to protect people's rights and dignity.

## 16 killed in house collapse

CAIRO, Jan 23, (Reuters): About 20 people including a new-born baby were feared killed when an old apartment house in Cairo collapsed, rescue workers said today.

They said 16 bodies had been pulled from the wreckage and at least four more people buried under mounds of twisted metal and rubble were believed to be dead.



## Surrealist painter Salvador Dali dies

FIGUERAS, Spain, Jan 23, (AP): Surrealist painter Salvador Dali, whose fantastic and memorable dreamscapes were as eccentric and flamboyant as his behaviour, died today in his hometown, his doctor said. He was 84.

Dali died at 10:15 am (0915 GMT) at Figueras Hospital, said Dr Charles Ponsati. He had been hospitalised since Jan 11.

"The cause of death was cardiac arrest brought on by his respiratory insufficiency and pneumonia," he told reporters.

The painter had been in poor health and confined to a wheelchair since suffering severe burns in an electrical fire in his home in August 1984. He also had a history of heart trouble, and was hospitalised three times since late November.

Miguel Domenech, Dali's attorney, said Dali died "softly, without making any special last statement."

## Creators

Condolences came quickly from King Juan Carlos, a personal friend of Dali, and from Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez. Spanish Culture Minister Jorge Semprun called Dali the "last of a generation of creators who revolutionised art in our century."

A founder of the surrealist movement, Dali was born on May 11, 1904, in the small Catalan town of Figueras. He was the last of an outstanding generation of Spanish painters that included Pablo Picasso and Joan Miro.

**Arab Times**

**Grand Bingo**

Last date for sending entries is Jan. 26 and numbers will be drawn from Jan. 28.

## Landslide buries an entire village in Soviet Central Asia

# Quake kills at least 1,000 in Tajikistan

MOSCOW, Jan 23, (Reuters): An earthquake struck the Soviet Central Asian Republic of Tajikistan today, engulfing an entire village, and the official news agency Tass said at least 1,000 people had died.

"Cries and wails can be heard everywhere," Tass said. "Some are lamenting and burying their relatives and near ones, while others are trying to find the few survivors beneath the thick layer of sand and clay."

The tremor, the second serious quake in the Soviet Union in two months, sent a wall of sand and clay through villages in a mountainous district near the Afghan border in the early morning, Tass said.

"The number of killed was estimated at 1,000 at the close of day, but this is a preliminary figure as yet," Tass said. "Rescue work is being continued and distant mountain villages have not been checked yet."

## Controversy

He said people from nearby villages, equipped with picks and shovels, had joined the rescue work. "We have a tradition of helping one another," he said, adding that no military personnel had so far been sent to the disaster region.

According to Tass, traditional clay houses in Tajikistan suffered particular damage in today's earthquake, which struck at 5.02 am (2302 GMT Sunday).

## Returned

Radio Moscow originally put the death toll at 1,415 people but lowered the figure in later broadcasts, without explanation.

Zaimiddin Nasredinov, head of the official Tajik news agency, said by telephone from the republic's capital, Dushanbe, that he had just returned from the area of the disaster and the scene was an "indescribable tragedy."

Tass said most of the 150 homes in the village of Sharora were destroyed and its streets completely buried after the quake, which measured seven points on the 12-point Soviet Mercalli scale at its epicentre 50 km (30 miles) southwest of Dushanbe.

Hairrullo Yuldashev, chairman of the local co-operative in the nearby village of Okuli-Olu, told Tass all 70 or so homes there had been reduced to rubble.

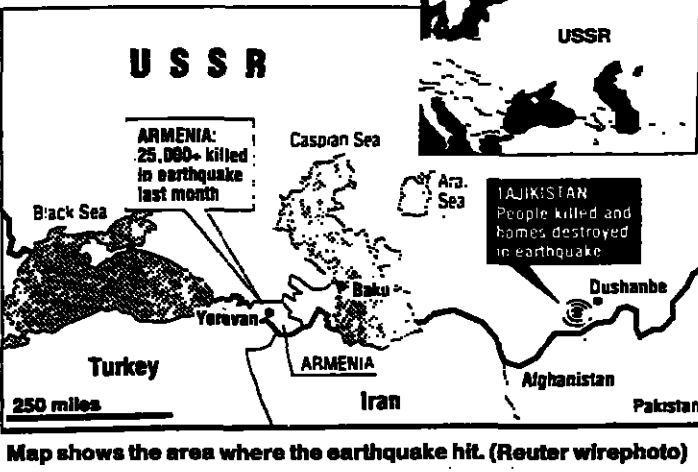
Tass said scores of kilometres of power lines had been destroyed and many bridges damaged. Thousands of cattle were killed and thousands of hectares of fertile ploughland covered in a thick layer of sand and clay.

In 1985, an earthquake in the Tajik city of Kairakkum caused severe damage and many casualties.

Tass said Soviet scientists had warned of the possibility of another serious tremor in Armenia, following the telltale signs of a recent decrease in underground shocks and a change in the ground water level.



A grieving woman is being comforted after the devastating earthquake struck Tajikistan. (Reuters wirephoto)



Map shows the area where the earthquake hit. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Iraq releases 131 Iranian POWs in a peace gesture

BAGHDAD, Jan 23, (AP): Iraq repatriated 131 disabled and ailing Iranian prisoners of war in a "humanitarian and peace gesture" by President Saddam Hussein, the first Gulf war prisoners to be freed in two months.

Their arrival in Tehran was noted in a brief report by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

There was no immediate sign that Tehran will reciprocate and resume prisoner exchanges halted on Nov 27 amid deadlocked peace talks aimed at ending the eight-year-old Gulf war.

But United Nations officials and diplomats have said that while they see little prospect of a breakthrough in the stalled peace negotiations, progress was possible in resuming prisoner exchanges.

Iraq said it will free another 124 Iranians tomorrow.

**Deadline**

Today's operation took place as the United Nations' chief mediator in the peace talks, Jan Eliasson, was expected to arrive in Tehran for talks with Iranian leaders aimed at breaking the deadlock in negotiations.

Eliasson, Sweden's ambassador to the United Nations, was scheduled to visit Baghdad later.

**Indicated**

He said all were in good condition. He did not elaborate, but all the POWs apparently indicated that they wanted to be returned home.

Iraqi officials allowed reporters to talk to the Iranians. Many were elderly. Some were maimed.

"I'm very happy to be going home," said Amosh Toosi, 35, who said he was captured in the southern battlefield in the early days of the war.

## Arafat makes first ever visit to Oman

MANAMA, Jan 23, (Agencies): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat began talks today with Omani leaders in his first visit to the sultanate.

The talks focused on PLO's plans for boosting the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, said state-run Muscat Radio.

**Concessions**

Oman was among the first nations to recognize the independent Palestinian state proclaimed by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament in exile, in Algiers in November.

Arafat arrived in the Omani capital from Baghdad where he called on Arab heads of state to support the Palestinian uprising, now entering its 14th month.

In Beirut, radical PLO official George Habash was quoted by the As Safir newspaper as sharply criticising Arafat for making "free concessions" to Israel. He also predicted that US-Palestinian dialogue would fail.

But Habash, a member of the PLO's executive committee, said the popular uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and the declaration of a Palestinian state has united Palestinians, despite continued difference over policy.

## Uprising will be intensified

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 23, (AP): Underground Palestinian leaders said in a new leaflet circulated today that they would escalate their rebellion despite the Army's tough new measures to quell the 13-month revolt.

The united national leadership of the uprising also rejected a peace proposal put forward by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin that calls for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, followed by limited autonomy and peace talks.

In the West Bank's largest city of Nablus, assailants threw several firebombs at an Israeli-owned bank, injuring several Arab employees, the Army said. Arab news reports said four

Palestinians were treated for burns or smoke inhalation.

Israeli newspapers reported, meanwhile, that new rules allowing soldiers to shoot plastic and rubber bullets more freely at Palestinian protesters has sparked controversy and confusion in the Army.

Some senior officers have voiced concern in closed-door forums that the measures could escalate tensions in rebellion, the mass-circulation Maariv daily reported.

The French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said yesterday the PLO had recognised Israel's right to exist unequivocally and Israelis and Palestinians should now open peace talks.

## Court orders restoration of Baluchistan assembly

QUETTA, Pakistan, Jan 23, (Reuters): A court today ordered restoration of the Baluchistan provincial assembly, dissolved suddenly last month amid charges that Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had conspired to keep an ally in power.

At the end of hearings which started on Thursday, four judges of the Baluchistan High Court agreed unanimously to restore the legislature of Pakistan's largest but least populated

province, bordering Iran and Afghanistan.

Baluchistan's advocate general filed an application to suspend the order and leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.

**Unconstitutional**

The province has been governed by a caretaker chief minister since Dec 22, a week after Chief Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali dissolved the legislature on the advice of Governor

Mohammad Musa. The governor was bound to follow the chief minister's advice.

The court ruled the dissolution unconstitutional and without lawful authority. The case was brought against the government by four assembly members and a Baluchistan lawyer.

Last month Benazir, 35, said the action was constitutional and her Pakistan People's Party would not interfere. Political analysts said the dissolution

saved Jamali, whose coalition included Benazir's party, from losing a vote of confidence.

Benazir, whose PPP won a general election on Nov 16, rejected opposition accusations that she conspired to keep an ally in power.

Justice Kudha Baksh Marri was sworn in as acting chief minister on Dec 22 and a caretaker cabinet appointed to prepare for elections within 90 days of the dissolution.

## Rajiv moves to limit damage after poll defeat

MADRAS, Jan 23, (Agencies): Backed into a corner by a crushing state election defeat, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi fought back campaign jibes of official corruption by swift disciplinary moves against key members of his party.

"It is the worst political situation the prime minister has been in since coming to power in 1984," one political analyst said after Tamil Nadu voters overwhelmingly rejected the Congress (I) Party despite his hectic personal campaign.

**Violence**

"He must now use the rest of the year to repair the damage to his own and his party's reputation," C.T. Kurien of the Madras Institute of Development Studies said today.

Opponents said the humiliating weekend result left Rajiv facing problems on his Sri Lankan policy and a possible revolt by party leaders fearing defeat in a general election which must be held this year.

Congress (I) Party was locked

in close battles for two other states, early official returns showed today.

With results declared in 32 of 59 contests for the 60-member Nagaland assembly in northeastern India, the Congress (I) Party won 16 and its main rival, the Naga People's Conference, captured 16, state-run television said. Violence forced the postponement of one race.

In the nearby state of Mizoram, Rajiv's party won 10 of the 40 assembly seats, and the Mizo National Front, a former separatist guerrilla group that governed for seven months in 1987, took six, the television said.

**Stake**

Ballot-counting for Saturday's elections began in the two states this morning, and final results were expected early tomorrow.

The landslide against the party in Tamil Nadu — worse than anyone contemplated — abruptly ended all talk of a general election earlier than December.

Congress won only 25 seats

out of the 232 at stake in Tamil Nadu to finish a poor third of four main contesting parties.

Kurien said the crisis was even worse than two years ago when the opposition accused Rajiv's government of involvement in a series of corruption scandals.

"He will now have to go the full term and not think of early elections because he needs the time to recoup his losses," said Kurien, an economic adviser to the government.

Congress crashed to defeat at the hands of the regional party, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), despite a hectic election campaign undertaken by Rajiv.

With 170 seats — a more than two-thirds majority — at its command, the DMK and its allies will be able to amend the Tamil Nadu state's constitution.

"It is a defeat for the prime minister," said DMK chief Muthuvel Karunanidhi, whose party has joined the national front electoral alliance with six other parties in a bid to topple Rajiv.

One of the front's most prominent leaders, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, said Rajiv would now face a rebellion within Congress from leaders fearing defeat in general elections.

"The prime minister is always seen by his party members not just as their biggest votegetter, but also one who is able to swing an election with his own charisma," said Singh who emerged as a major opposition leader by spearheading a campaign for clean government.

**Questioned**

That ability is being seriously questioned after (by-election) defeats in the north and yesterday's loss in the south within a 12-month period," Singh said.

Rajiv moved swiftly to limit the damage to his own and his party's image by ordering key lieutenant Arjun Singh to resign as Madhya Pradesh state chief minister immediately after a court ordered an inquiry into the running of a lottery associated with members of Singh's family.

The move was aimed at signalling Rajiv's intention to root out government corruption, an issue widely used by National Front leaders in their Tamil Nadu campaign, said political analyst Cho Ramaswamy.

Rajiv also gave warning of stern measures to put down dissenters by forcing the resignations of Bihar Governor Govind Narain Singh and state assembly Speaker Shiv Chandra Jha, said Ramaswamy.

**Dispute**

Singh and Jha had been locked in a dispute with Bihar Chief Minister Bhagwat Jha Azad over their constitutional powers.

On Sri Lanka, Rajiv could be embarrassed by DMK leader Karunanidhi's open support for the hardline Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam chief Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Karunanidhi said his new government would review India's stand on the ethnic conflict between Sri Lanka's minority Tamils and majority Sinhalese.

## Charges won't be increased

By Hussain Salameh

THE government will not increase existing charges for different services, neither will it introduce new charges, an official source said.

The source denied rumours that the government will increase electricity, water and telecommunication charges and prices of fuel.

The source, however, added that a draft law to increase prices of some services was submitted to the Cabinet, but HH the Amir gave directives for its suspension.

The source explained that the rumours of an increase resulted from the recent government decision to levy departure fees at the airport and an increase in charges by the Mobile Telephone Company.

## Indian newsmen

KUWAIT, Jan 23, (KUNA): Four prominent Indian journalists yesterday arrived in Tel Aviv at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry. Radio Israel reported

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Kuwait: 55 per cent

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## Iran and Syria open talks to end fighting between rival Shiites

DAMASCUS, Jan 23, (Reuters): Iran and Syria began talks today aimed at ending three weeks of heavy fighting between the rival Shiite Muslim militias which they support in Lebanon.

Officials said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati attended a meeting at the Damascus Foreign Ministry with his Syrian counterpart Farouq Al Shara and Nabih Berr, leader of one of the feuding militias, Amal.

Diplomats said that depending on progress at the talks leaders of Amal could meet later with representatives of the rival Hezbollah.

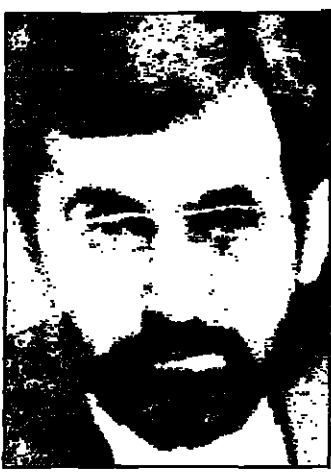
Fighting between the militias in Beirut and south Lebanon has killed at least 142 people and wounded scores more since Jan 1.

**Odds**  
The two sides have been at odds since Hezbollah emerged with Iranian backing in 1984 to challenge Amal's domination of Lebanon's 1.5 million strong Shiite community.

Velayati, who arrived last night, has also had separate meetings with Shara, Berr and Hezbollah representatives.

He told reporters after meeting Shara that apart from tackling the Shiite problem, they had also discussed bilateral co-operation.

Syria is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon, where it maintains 25,000 troops. Berr, speaking to reporters



Velayati

today, repeated Amal's position that the fighting could stop only when Hezbollah handed over to Syrian troops the killers of three senior Amal officials.

**Denied**  
Amal says that Hezbollah gunned down Daoud Daoud, Mohammed Fakih and Hassan Sabaiti in west Beirut last September, a charge Hezbollah has repeatedly denied.

The diplomats noted that Hezbollah's spiritual mentor, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, was not in Damascus for the talks.

No fresh fighting has erupted between the militias in Lebanon over the past few days since Iran and Syria stepped up efforts to achieve a truce.

## Bush wants to make major strides towards getting a grip with Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan 23, (Agencies): George Bush, in an interview published yesterday, said he wants to make "major strides towards getting a grip" on the budget deficit in his first 100 days as President, and hopes "the last vestiges of bigotry" can be erased during his administration.

Bush was interviewed last week, before his inauguration as the nation's 41st President, by Newsweek editor in chief Richard M. Smith and White House correspondents Thomas M. DeFrank and Ann McDaniel. The interview, released yesterday, touched on Vice-President Dan Quayle and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as well.

Asked how he would like reports to read about his first 100 days in office, Bush said, "I would like to have it written that we made major strides towards getting a grip with Congress on the budget deficit. Whether that will be done in 100 days I don't know."

The President said he has always "felt a need" to support fair play and oppose bigotry and would like his administration to reflect that.

"I'm not sure that that means some (far-) reaching legislative agenda," he said. "I will find

ways to speak out in terms of the need to eliminate the last vestiges of bigotry. ... I hope we can do better on appointments."

"The problem is some people are going to measure compassion ... by whether you can triple the budget for this account ... or this support programme. I won't be able to do that."

On Gorbachev and Soviet-American relations, Bush said, "when you talk to him you sense this dynamism, this ability to communicate with the West and all of that. But we want to build on a common foundation. I don't want to just go rushing off because someone thinks momentum (for improved relations) might be slowed down."

On Quayle and his role, Bush said, "there will be some substantive, specific assignments. There will be some overseas work, there will be inclusion in the high policy deliberations, there will be ample private time for the vice president to give me his views."

**Expect**  
"I would expect in return, when I say, 'this is the way it's going to be,' he'll fully and enthusiastically support the decision whether he made the recommendation or not."

Bush turns his attention to business today after a week-long

inaugural extravaganza, planning to address anti-abortion demonstrations and preside at his first cabinet meeting.

One item likely on the cabinet agenda is the nation's staggering budget deficit, which Bush has identified as the No. 1 problem to be addressed in his infant presidency.

Bush says he will tackle that problem in earnest in his first week as chief executive and plans to make it the focus of a meeting tomorrow with congressional leaders.

**Quiet**  
The new President spent a relatively quiet yesterday after the breakneck inaugural schedule. But he planned a flurry of activity today, meeting with Quayle and attending the swearing-in of senior members of the presidential and vice-presidential staffs.

By telephone hookup from the Oval Office, Bush was scheduled to address anti-abortion protesters gathered near the White House today. The demonstration was called to protest the Supreme Court's Jan 22, 1973, decision legalising abortion.

Last year, President Reagan addressed the annual march and rally in the same fashion. Bush opposed a constitutional

## Bush urged Reagan to end Iran arms shipments, says report

NEW YORK, Jan 23, (AP): George Bush advised President Reagan at White House meetings in December 1985 and in the spring of 1986 to end US arms shipments to Iran, according to a published report quoting Reagan's former national security adviser.

The adviser, Robert McFarlane, was quoted in today's editions of the New York Times as saying that although then-Vice President Bush rarely expressed an opinion at such meetings, he supported McFarlane in urging that the arms shipments be stopped.

"I was struck that he had intervened," McFarlane told the Times. "That seemed a little bit unusual to me, and I was pleased that he had."

McFarlane advised Reagan to end the shipments because the operation was not fulfilling its original purpose of "making contact with Iranians able to change policy," McFarlane told the Times.

**Acknowledged**  
The former adviser said that later in the meeting, Bush "nodded and was kind of pensive and looked over toward the President and said, 'I think Bud's probably right,'" according to the Times.

Bud is McFarlane's nickname. Bush has acknowledged that he knew of the arms sales to Iran as part of attempts to gain freedom for American hostages, but said he was unaware of the diversion of profits from the sales to Nicaragua's Contras.

His role in the Iran-Contra affair has remained largely a mystery, although he has insisted that he expressed "certain reservations" about the weapons shipment in private conversations with Reagan.

**Divergence**  
Bush, who led a presidential task force on terrorism, has tried to minimize his involvement in the Iran arms sale. He claimed he was "out of the loop" in making major policy decisions.

McFarlane's statements are not supported by the reports of congressional investigators and others who have accused the Iran-Contra affair, including the diversion of the profits from the weapons sales to help the rebels in Nicaragua. Other sources have indicated that Bush was not even present at the December meeting described by McFarlane, the Times said.

The reports offer no strong evidence to indicate that Bush urged Reagan to end the arms shipments.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Arms fair

BAGHDAD, Jan 23, (Reuters): Military hardware from around the world will go on display in Baghdad in April when Iraq stages the Gulf's first arms fair, Baghdad newspapers said today.

They quoted Military Industries Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan as saying a total of 61 firms from 18 nations will take part in the five-day fair, which opens on April 28.

The minister said firms from Eastern and Western Europe, China and Latin America had already said they would take part.

### ICRC operations

GENEVA, Jan 23, (Reuters): The International Committee of the Red Cross said today it was not resuming full-scale operations in Lebanon until it believed it was safe for staff to return.

An ICRC spokeswoman said a Red Cross team visiting Beirut was assessing security and a decision would be made after its mission. Lebanese officials said yesterday the four workers would reopen the Beirut office.

"It is a mission of evaluation and a decision on whether the ICRC can resume normal operations in Lebanon will be taken after it is completed," spokeswoman Marjolaine Martin said.

### Emergency landing

GRAPEVINE, Texas, Jan 23, (UPI): Braniff flight 548, bound for Kansas City with 56 people aboard, lost cabin pressure yesterday, forcing the Boeing 737 to return to Dallas-Fort Worth international airport and make an emergency landing.

No one was injured, but one passenger hyperventilated, said Irma Ellis, a Braniff spokeswoman in Dallas, where Braniff is headquartered.

"At 31,000 feet (9,450 m), there was a cabin depressurisation," she said. "The pilot made an emergency descent to 10,000 feet (3,050 m) and notified the tower and brought the aircraft in."

### Sakharov

MOSCOW, Jan 23, (AP): Human rights activist Andrei D. Sakharov has been nominated for another seat in the new Congress of people's deputies, giving him two chances to win membership in a chamber expected to wield new legislative power.

About 900 people gathered yesterday at a meeting organised by the unofficial group Memory to nominate the Nobel peace prize-winning physicist as a city-wide candidate in the March 26 elections, said a participant in the meeting.

### Anti-abortion rallies

NEW YORK, Jan 23, (AP): Thousands of anti-abortion and pro-choice activists held rallies across the United States yesterday marking the 16th anniversary of the US Supreme Court ruling that legalised abortions.

"Change in direction is brought about by citizens at the grassroots level," Asa Hutchinson, a lawyer and former federal prosecutor, said at a rally in Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Split inevitable

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 23, (Reuters): Dissident members of South Africa's biggest white supremacist group threatened today to form a breakaway movement after an unsuccessful attempt to question their leader over his relationship with an ex-model.

The dissident members of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) said a split in the political far right seemed inevitable after armed supporters of AWB leader Eugène Terre'Blanche yesterday ejected them from a meeting.

"It is a sad day for the Afrikaner cause ... this is the beginning of the end for the AWB," dissident spokesman Dries Alberts told Reuters.

### Industrial unrest

RABAT, Jan 23, (Reuters): Industrial unrest which has swept Morocco in recent weeks highlights frustrations among workers built up over five years of austerity and is stirring government anxiety.

Human rights and union groups said today three miners had been jailed for their role in the most bitter of the industrial disputes — a pit strike in north-east Morocco.

Two miners were jailed for two months and a third for three months for handing out leaflets during a sit-in at the Jerrada coalfield, where work was suspended three weeks ago and all 7,000 workers laid off.

### Defence spending

TOKYO, Jan 23, (Reuters): Japan plans to spend more both defending itself and helping out the Third World in the coming year, government officials said today.

The government's draft budget calls for it to shell out 3.92 trillion yen (\$31 billion) on defence and 756 billion yen (\$5.9 billion) on economic assistance in the year beginning April 1.

## ETA extends truce

MADRID, Jan 23, (Reuters): The Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA said yesterday it was extending a two-week-old truce for the next two months to facilitate talks with the government.

ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) announced the extension in a statement to the Basque newspaper Egin, its usual channel of communication.

A spokesman for Egin quoted the statement as saying ETA was opening a "period of détente" which would last until the Basque national day on March 26. "That clearly means a truce," he said.

**Offer**  
The statement said the extended truce followed an agreement between ETA and the government to begin negotiations in Algeria. "A period of détente in hostilities has been agreed to facilitate dialogue," it added.

Government officials told state television they did not want

to comment on the new truce offer until they had seen the full text of the ETA communiqué.

ETA, which has killed more than 600 people in a 21-year war for an independent Basque state, made its first truce offer in an attempt to get the government to renew peace talks with guerrillas exiled in Algeria. The talks were broken off early last year.

Spanish newspapers said last week that the government had sent a message saying it was prepared to negotiate if ETA extended the truce indefinitely. The television quoted Ramon Jaurregui, deputy President of the regional Basque government and a member of the ruling Socialist Party, as saying "two months more without attacks is good news," but he added that he was sceptical whether ETA really wanted to talk.

The Egin spokesman said the ETA statement referred to an agreement between the government and ETA to hold political conversations.

## Piedmont flight cancelled after engine fire

NEW YORK, Jan 23, (AP): A Piedmont Airlines flight was cancelled last evening after a fire erupted in the jet's auxiliary engine before takeoff from John F. Kennedy airport in New York, a spokesman for the airline said.

All 122 passengers aboard the Boeing 737 jet were evacuated via emergency chutes as a precaution after the fire began in the small auxiliary engine toward the rear of the plane, said airline spokesman Dave Shipley.

**Provides**  
There were no injuries, he said. The plane had been scheduled to depart at 6 pm (2300 GMT) for Charlotte, North Carolina, but had not yet taken off when the fire was detected at 6:15 pm (2315 GMT), Shipley said.

The auxiliary engine provides power for light, heat and air conditioning when the plane is not airborne, Shipley said, and the main engines provide the power for those functions during flight.

After the fire was put out, the plane was flown to Piedmont's headquarters in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for maintenance work.



Miss Turkey Meltem Hakarar (centre) waves to the crowd after being crowned "Miss Charm-89" in Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Turkish woman wins Soviet beauty contest

MOSCOW, Jan 23, (AP): Meltem Hakarar of Turkey yesterday won the first international beauty contest held in Moscow, taking the "Charm 89" title over 28 other contestants from 11 countries.

The contest, held at Moscow's

Kosmos Hotel, was organised by the Soviet state-run travel agency Intourist, the hotel, a Soviet cultural centre and several other organisations.

It drew contestants from Israel, Singapore, Greece, West

Germany, Norway, as well as several from different parts of the Soviet Union.

The first beauty contest held in Moscow occurred in June 1988 when "Miss Moscow" was crowned.

## Ministers disciplined over Soviet unrest

MOSCOW, Jan 23, (Reuters): Azerbaijan's interior minister and two other ministers were among thousands of party and government figures disciplined after ethnic unrest in the republic last year, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today.

Pravda said the Interior Minister, A. Mamedov, was given a strong reprimand and his deputy was dismissed. It said the minister of communal services and the minister of light industry were punished, but gave no further details.

The official news agency Tass disclosed last week that more than 2,500 party and government officials in Azerbaijan had

been disciplined for being actively involved in riots and demonstrations, encouraging them or failing to halt them. It did not specify who had been disciplined.

**Disputed**  
At least 78 people have been killed in the past year in violence linked to the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is governed by Azerbaijan but claimed by the Republic of Armenia.

Others disciplined included the head of Azerbaijan's statistics office, the head of the oil industry's machine industry and the chairman of the sports committee, Pravda said.

In Armenia, 49 top party, government and law enforcement officials were dismissed in connection with the unrest, Pravda reported last week.

Meanwhile, a Soviet weekly said yesterday many of the thousands jailed for anti-state activity in the post-Stalin period should be rehabilitated for the sake of justice and to help halt a "brain-drain" from the country.

An article by Anatoly Golovkov in the outspoken weekly Ogonyok argued that measures being taken to restore the reputation of the millions of Josef Stalin's purge victims should also be accorded to the victims of his successors.

## Nine killed in fighting at Argentine Army barracks

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 23, (Reuters): Nine people were reported killed today in fighting between troops and self-described members of a "new Argentine army" who attacked a barracks on the outskirts of the capital, Army sources said.

The official Telam news agency said two soldiers and three of the attackers had died in the shooting at the La Tablada barracks, headquarters of the 3rd mechanised infantry regiment.

Fighting was continuing at the barracks several hours after the assault began.

The attack started when an undetermined number of gunmen pulled up in a lorry and six cars at about 7:00 am (0900 GMT), the Army sources and local resident said.

**Encircled**  
Army helicopters clattered overhead and the barracks was encircled by police and troops, they said.

Local residents said they had heard a number of explosions, possibly of grenades, when the fighting broke out.

Pamphlets scattered by the group identified it as part of the "new Argentine army" and said it supported the leaders of Argentina's three failed Army rebellions over the past two years, according to local news agencies.

They said the pamphlets stated that the group was formed to "combat Marxist subversion within the government" and "against the radical campaign to destroy the Army."

President Raul Alfonsín's radical Civic Union Party took over from the military dictatorship which ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983.

### Evren's visit

ANKARA, Jan 23, (Reuters): Turkish President Kenan Evren will make state visits to Pakistan, Malaysia and India in the second half of February, Foreign Ministry sources said today.

## Walesa accepts government terms

## Solidarity seeks early talks

WARSAW, Jan 23, (Reuters): The banned Solidarity union, accepting Polish government terms for restoring it to legality, has called for talks with the communist authorities as soon as possible to build a future based on peaceful solutions.

"We are doomed to an agreement, disagreement destroys," Lech Walesa, the union's leader, told hundreds of supporters chanting "Solidarity, Solidarity" yesterday outside a church in the northern port of Gdansk.

Union spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz read the crowd a statement by Solidarity's national executive commission (KKW) accepting a Communist Party offer to restore Solidarity under a package allowing new political and union freedoms.

The proposal, released on Thursday after a stormy central committee session, cleared the last obstacle to "round table" talks which the government

offered Walesa last August during the worst labour unrest in seven years.

Solidarity's statement, issued after the KKW met on Saturday, called the party's offer a "basic step" towards dialogue with the authorities who suppressed the union in 1981.

"The KKW is of the opinion that talks should start as soon as possible," the statement said. It was later published by the official Polish media.

"Our answer is an outstretched hand because the other side put their hand out too," Walesa said from the steps of the rectory of St Brygida's church in the city where strikes gave rise to the communist world's first free trade union in 1980.

**Practices**  
"The future lies in reason — reason, wisdom, culture and peaceful solutions," he said, but he cautioned against euphoria.

"I am a practical man and I say that practice will tell what will be done," Walesa said.

Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who is on a visit to West Germany, said he was sure the government and Solidarity would find a "common language" to overcome Poland's problems.

The KKW went into session again as about 2,000 supporters shouting "no freedom without Solidarity" tried to march to Gdansk's Communist Party headquarters. They were turned back by riot police after a few hundred metres and dispersed calmly.

The 20-strong co-ordinating body, which groups the union's regional leaders, named Zbigniew Bujak, Wladyslaw Frasyniuk and Mieczyslaw Gil to head a Solidarity team to prepare for negotiations with the government.

All are veterans of Solidarity's turbulent 16-month legal existence which challenged communist rule in Poland.



Walesa tells a rally in Gdansk he is prepared to open negotiations with the authorities. (Reuters wirephoto)



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Rajiv (left) shakes hands with Nguyen Van Linh, during arrival ceremonies in New Delhi. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Vietnamese leader visits New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (KUNA): Vietnamese Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Van Linh arrived here today on a seven-day official visit during which he will exchange views with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on bilateral matters and regional issues, including Kampuchean problem.

Linh will also be the chief guest at India's Republic Day parade on Jan 26.

The Vietnamese leader, who was accompanied by a high level delegation, including Foreign Minister Co-Thach, was received at the presidential palace by Rajiv and his cabinet colleagues.

Linh's talks with the Indian leaders will focus on further expanding bilateral ties. India has already offered Rs1,000 million credit to Vietnam to help its development programmes.

Vietnam wants India to play a major role in International Control Commission in Kampuchea to ensure "the genocidal" Pol Pot regime never returns to power. In an interview with the press, Linh said, "Vietnam is committed to withdraw all forces from Kampuchea by September even if there was no political solution in sight by the end of 1990."

The leadership is optimistic that a solution would be possible by the end of the next round of talks in Jakarta later next month.

Linh said the Vietnamese troop withdrawal would create a favourable condition so that no country would support hostile forces against the government of Kampuchea and its people.

## Sinhalese rebels raid banks, kill one guard

COLOMBO, Jan 23 (Agencies): Suspected leftwing gunmen killed a security guard during raids on two small state banks in southern Sri Lanka today, police said.

It was not immediately clear how much money was stolen. Police also blamed the Marxist People's Liberation Front for killing nine people, including an opposition Freedom Party election candidate in Matara district.

Sarath Ratnayake, a lawyer, was dragged from his home and shot dead with three supporters. He was the fifth candidate for the Feb 15 parliamentary election killed in the past two weeks.

The front, which has been waging a violent campaign to overthrow the government, is opposed to the elections.

Meanwhile, police said today that six armed bodyguards will be assigned to protect each of the 1,400 candidates in next month's parliamentary election.

Seven candidates have been murdered this month, including three opposition party candidates killed by suspected anti-government militants over the weekend in southern Sri Lanka.

Police superintendent S.B. Senaratne said the bodyguards will be selected by each candidate from a guard armed by the government and once used to protect Sinhalese villages against attacks by Tamil rebels in the north and east.

Senaratne said authorities decided to provide security after suspected Sinhalese extremists recently killed three candidates of the opposition Sri Lankan Freedom Party in southern Sri Lanka.

Militant Tamil insurgents have been waging a 5-year insurgency demanding a separate nation.

## Military post hit in south Lebanon: 3 hurt

SIDON, Jan 23 (AP): Fundamentalist Muslim guerrillas attacked a Lebanese Army observation post on the northern edge of Israel's self-designated "security zone" in south Lebanon before dawn today, wounding three soldiers, police reported.

They said the attackers fired at least 15 rocket-propelled grenades at the hilltop position overlooking the Christian towns of Jezzine and Roum, 18 kilometres east of Sidon.

An Army spokesman said today's attack was the first launched by Muslim guerrillas on a Lebanese military position in the south, the region used by Palestinians and Muslim fighters for attacks on Israel's buffer strip.

A police spokesman said the attackers belonged to the Islamic Coalition, a small Sunni Muslim group based in Sidon, provincial capital of south Lebanon.

### Red Cross

"It is allied with the Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim Hezbollah," said a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) today. The group, which includes the ICRC chief Middle East delegate Angelo Gnaedinger, will make contact with the authorities and the "politically most influential factions" in the country as well as with militia leaders.

Bischoff conceded that it might be difficult to contact the smaller factions. "But the contacts also serve to send out messages," he said.

The ICRC announced Dec 20 that "serious threats had been made against its delegates on mission in Lebanon, placing their lives in acute danger." It suspended all operations and ordered its delegates to return to Switzerland.

## Siege follows firing from inside building

## Egyptian bar office sealed off

CAIRO, Jan 23 (AP): Helmeted riot police sealed off the Egyptian Bar Association's headquarters today. Two senior lawyers said the siege followed firing from inside the downtown building that wounded a passerby.

And in another development, the alleged leader of a revolutionary group Mahmoud Nouredin Suliman, accused of killing Israeli diplomats, yesterday marked his 49th birthday in detention.

The shooting incident grew out of internal bickering in the association. Some members, rebelling against the authority of the union's elected ruling council, have occupied the building since last Thursday.

Ahmed El Khawaga, the council chairman, and Mohamed Sabry, the secretary-general, told the Associated Press the dissenters used automatic weapons in the episode. El

Khawaga said the rebel lawyers' leader claimed also to have explosives inside.

The two lawyers said they had no information on the passerby who was wounded. Other sources said the casualty, a man, was hit by a bullet in the shoulder.

Telephone calls to the building went unanswered. Police officers outside refused to discuss what was happening, and one told a reporter to stop asking about it.

Shooting

Riot police and plainclothes security men ringed the building, a two-storey villa at the intersection of two main streets in the capital's busy shopping area, immediately after the shooting.

Vehicles were diverted from the street where the entrance to the building is located.

At least eight police trucks, with a total capacity of about 400 men, were seen parked on nearby

## Sectarian problem forces postponement of Afghan meeting

## Rebels split over future regime

ISLAMABAD, Jan 23 (AP): A new dispute among Afghan mujahedeen forced them to postpone a meeting to discuss their proposal for a transitional government to rule in a post-war Afghanistan, rebel sources said today.

The dispute flared between Pakistan-based rebels largely of the Sunni Muslim sect and guerrillas of the smaller Shiite Muslim sect operating from Iran, said Qaribur Rehman Saeed, a spokesman for the Hezb-e-Islami based in Pakistan.

Saeed said the Pakistan-based rebel alliance was sending a delegation to Iran to persuade the guerrillas based there to participate in a consultative council being formed to seek a transitional government for Afghanistan.

### Chaos

The council was scheduled to meet Feb 1, but the session was postponed because of a dispute between the Iran-based and Pakistan-based mujahedeen over the number of representatives each group has on the council, Saeed said.

The meeting was rescheduled for Feb 10, only five days before the deadline set under a UN-brokered accord for withdrawal of the last Soviet troops and the end of the nine-year Red Army involvement in Afghanistan's

civil war.

Many Western diplomats fear Afghanistan may collapse into chaos and bloody internecine fighting if the feuding rebel groups do not agree on a transitional government for a post-Soviet Afghanistan.

"If they don't get their act together, and fast, we may not see an end to the war," said a Western diplomat in Islamabad.

Four of the eight rebel groups based in Iran announced over the weekend they would boycott the council meeting, to be held near Peshawar, Pakistan, because they weren't allotted enough representatives.

### Refugees

The Pakistan-based alliance, called the Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahedeen, laboured over the weekend to choose 420 representatives from their ranks — 60 from each of the seven groups in the alliance.

The Iran-based rebel groups were allocated 60 seats, but they have demanded 120.

"They are not satisfied but I think we can compromise," said Saeed. "We are all mujahedeen."

Shiite Muslims make up about 17 per cent of Afghanistan's population and about 40 per cent of the Afghan refugees who have fled since a communist government seized power in a 1978 military coup.

Of the estimated 15 million Afghans, one-third now live outside Afghanistan — three million in Pakistan and two million in Iran.

One-half of the representatives of the rebels' consultative council are supposed to be mujahedeen commanders fighting in Afghanistan and the rest are to be well-known intellectuals, tribal leaders and "good Muslims," rebel spokesmen have said.

Rebel leaders have refused to allow members of the current Kabul government, whom they view as traitors, to participate in discussions on forming a transitional government and choosing a temporary head of state.

The rebels are calling for a transitional government to oversee election of a 350-member parliament in three months of balloting among Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran, as well as Afghans living in rebel-controlled parts of Afghanistan.

### Constitution

The rebels also said a parliament, in turn, could approve a new constitution and oversee a general election within the next 12 months to produce a permanent, post-war Afghan government.

The Soviets are to complete their nine-month military with-

drawal from Afghanistan by Feb 15 under the terms of the accord signed last year.

Some Western diplomats believe the Kabul regime would fall quickly without the Red Army and with the mainly conscripted Afghan Army left to face the rebels alone.

But others predict a huge stockpile of Soviet arms and ammunition left behind would enable the communists to hold onto major Afghan cities for weeks or even months.

### Shortage

Soviet military officials today blamed food shortages in the capital on inefficiency by the Afghan government and hoarding by traders as Moscow stepped up its emergency airlift of flour.

"The local authorities did not give out the orders in time for when they needed to get food supplies," said Maj. Gen. Lev Serebrov, a member of the Soviet military command in Kabul.

"And some of the traders are not selling in order to raise prices. There are enough supplies in the city and they are keeping it to themselves," he contended.

As Serebrov spoke, Soviet troops loaded hundreds of sacks of flour onto trucks from the rear of giant Ilushin 76 transport planes that landed and took off regularly from the airport.

## Campaigner against kidney trade threatened

ANKARA, Jan 23 (Reuters): A Turk campaigning to end what he calls a growing trade in kidneys and other human organs said today he had received threatening telephone calls.

Mustafa Dursun Ozsaglam said he received the threats after appearing on Turkish television following British press reports that a London hospital paid Turks £2,000 (\$3,500) for kidneys to be used as transplants.

"The callers told me I had gone too far and said 'keep silent or you will be dealt with'," Ozsaglam, chairman of the privately-run Association of Organ Transplant Patients, told Reuters.

He said he received three calls in Turkish last night after the state-run television programme was aired.

The private Humana Wellington Hospital in London has denied the press reports and said it did not pay money for kidneys.

Ozsaglam, himself a kidney transplant recipient, said in the interview that authorities should investigate a trade in live organs which he said was widespread in Turkey.

"The people who make money out of acting as intermediaries between patients and poor people willing to sell their organs for cash can only be described as monsters," he said.

A 1986 Turkish law bans the sale of live organs.

## Drug addicts surrender in Tehran

NICOSIA, Jan 23 (AP): Drug addicts and pushers deserted their hideouts in Tehran and heroin prices jumped four-fold, yesterday, the day after an anti-narcotics law took effect, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said scores of addicts had turned themselves in at police stations throughout the country to avoid being arrested.

IRNA said that authorities smashed a drugs ring on Sunday and killed six of its members in a shootout in a southeastern province bordering Pakistan, a major source of narcotics for Iran.

Agents of the Tehran and Kerman Komitah, the government's main law enforcement agency, shut down the drug-smuggling route in the Sistan-Baluchistan province and surrounded the smugglers, the agency said.

It said the agents recovered 19 sacks containing 127 kilograms of opium after the shootout.

The new law carries a mandatory death sentence for possession of 30 grammes (just over one ounce) of heroin or any other controlled substance, or smuggling 5 kilograms of opium or hashish.

Seventy-five smugglers have been executed in the past few weeks and more than 1,000 people arrested in what the agency termed "the biggest crackdown on drug-smuggling in Iran's history."

It said the anti-narcotics campaign started, set up recently to fight rampant drug addiction throughout the country, was flooded yesterday with calls from friends and relatives of smugglers and addicts.

## Seoul agrees to premier level talks

## Koreas move to end rivalry

SEOUL, Jan 23 (AP): South Korea agreed today to a North Korean proposal for preliminary political talks next month and said the two nations were within sight of ending their bitter rivalry.

South Korean Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon accepted a North Korean plan for preliminary talks on Feb 8 to set the terms for negotiations headed by the two nations' prime ministers on ways to end their 40-year confrontation.

"The South and the North have crossed the threshold to open a new era of reconciliation and co-operation," Kang said in a letter turned over at the Panmunjom border truce site.

Communist North Korea agreed on Jan 16 to a South Korean proposal to upgrade proposed political and military talks to a meeting between prime

ministers in what would be the highest-level contact between the two nations since the 1950-53 Korean War.

Korea was divided by US and Soviet troops who stopped the Japanese occupation of the peninsula in 1945 at the end of World War II.

### Sports talks

The two sides are to hold preliminary talks at Panmunjom on Feb 8 with five-member delegations headed by vice-ministers from each country to set terms for the premiers' talks.

In a separate development today, North Korean Olympic Committee chief Kim Yu Sun sent a letter to the South proposing a meeting at Panmunjom on March 9 to discuss fielding a joint team at the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.

## Cyprus unity talks resume in Nicosia

NICOSIA, Jan 23 (Reuters): Unity talks between the leaders of the divided island of Cyprus resumed today with both sides eager to shrug off the mutual accusations of bad faith and breaches of confidentiality that marred earlier rounds.

Greek Cypriot leader George Vassiliou and Turkish Cypriot chief Rauf Denktaş have held more than 40 hours of inconclusive talks since September on reunifying Cyprus.

Political analysts say both leaders feel under pressure to reach a solution quickly at the discussion being held in the Green Line buffer zone at the residence of UN special representative Oscar Camillion.

Greek Cypriots demand the withdrawal of Turkish settlers and of an estimated 29,000 Turkish soldiers from northern Cyprus. They also want guarantees of what they call the three freedoms — the right to travel, live and own property anywhere on the island.

Turkish Cypriots seek maximum autonomy in a bi-zonal federal republic and say Turkey

should have the right to protect their minority community.

The island has been divided into the Greek-Cypriot South and Turkish-Cypriot North since 1974 when Turkish troops occupied the North following a short-lived coup in Nicosia inspired by the military junta then ruling Greece.

Greek Cypriot newspapers have recently suggested that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat might be the right person to mediate on the Cyprus problem.

A spokesman for the PLO in Nicosia, asked to comment, told Reuters that Arafat had good relations with both the Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and the Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

"Arafat will use these good relations to help mediate in finding a solution to the Cyprus problem," the spokesman said.

He added: "We regard Cyprus as a friendly country and the PLO would like to see a fair solution to the Cyprus problem, so that the island maintains its unity, independence, and non-alignment."

## 12 die, 28 missing in Indonesian flood

JAKARTA, Jan 23 (AP): Floods have killed 12 people and left 28 others missing in the western Sumatra province in Bengkulu, the newspaper Suara Pembinaan said today.

The paper said that, by yesterday, floods following three days of rain had forced thousands of people to flee their homes in the districts of Bengkulu Utara, Bengkulu Selatan and Rejang Lebong and the provincial city of Bengkulu.

In Bengkulu Utara, nine bodies were found, five people were missing and about 90 people were injured, it reported.

In Rejang Lebong, two people died and at least 6,000 people had to evacuate their homes, and in Bengkulu Selatan seven people were missing, the report said.

One man was killed and 16 other people were missing after the Bengkulu River flooded in the city of Bengkulu, a municipality of 147,000 people about 600 kilometres (375 miles) north-west of Jakarta, the paper said. It said rescue workers helped evacuate more than 5,000 peo-

ple. A spokesman of the Social Affairs Ministry said dozens of bridges and hundreds of houses were destroyed or damaged in the city, where flood waters reached a depth of three metres (10 feet).

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said most schools halted classes to accommodate refugees from the flood.

He said floods and landslides blocked the main road outside the city, disrupting communications in the province.

Crops over thousands of hectares (acres) of land also were reported destroyed or damaged, but no overall monetary estimate was given.

At least 37 people were reported killed this month in floods and flood-related accidents in other parts of the country.

Last Thursday, 20 people were buried alive in a landslide in west Sumatra and seven others died after their boat sank in a flood-swollen river in the eastern Sumatra province of Riau.



Mahmoud Nouredin Suliman listens to his youngest daughter Lamia, 11, through the bars of a Cairo state security cell during a court session as she wishes him a happy birthday. (Reuters wirephoto)

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# Gekic — a pianist on the move

By Jadranka Porter

INTERNATIONAL music competitions are events which can either make or break a career of a budding musician. Although he won several international piano competitions in early 1980s, a prominent Yugoslav pianist Kemal Gekic was truly initiated into the international music circuit at the Frederic Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Poland in 1985.

Not that he won the contest. He wasn't even among the top six contenders. But talent, a critic's pen and audience enthusiasm triumphed over the jury's decision. Gekic, 26, walked out of the competition with no medals, merely a Diplome d'honneur. But he was by no means a loser. Audiences clamoured for him, critics sang his praises and engagements began pouring in. He has given successful concerts and has recorded in Italy, West Germany, Denmark, France, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Egypt, Japan and his native Yugoslavia.

Gekic is now in Kuwait to give two piano recitals on Wednesday and Thursday at the Holiday Inn Hotel.



Kemal Gekic: hopeful

**Experience**

Recalling the Warsaw experience Gekic said that there is a lot of politics involved in selecting winners. He has no hard feelings, he said.

"There are those who win big competitions that one never hears of after the contest," he says. The reverse is also true and he is a living proof.

So what is the measure of a performer's success? "Art and

music are not a long jump," answers Gekic. "Being talented and a good technician is not sufficient. You have to have your own style," he added.

After the competition in Warsaw he wrote: "It seems that the jury has established a set of strict standards and rules which cannot possibly allow a different, let alone an extraordinary interpretation of

Chopin's music."

Others praised his modern playing technique, maturity of thought and power of emotional expression. They called his rendition of Chopin "a new sound experience."

This is why last May queues formed in front of a concert hall in Montreal, Canada, hours before the concert began. Hundreds of fans who could not get tickets tried to break into the

hall. Eventually the windows in the hall had to be opened and Gekic played for those lining the street as well.

**Delay**

An experience of a different kind took place in Cairo in 1984. First the doorman did not recognise him and would not allow him to enter the concert hall thus delaying the performance. It was a solo recital but Gekic was not alone on the

stage. There were three cats there too, playing with curtain tassels. As if that was not enough halfway through the recital Gekic heard an unusual noise coming from behind the stage. He stopped playing and walked over to the source of noise. When he pulled the curtain he saw two workers sawing a plank. But he continued the recital and was at the end greeted with a standing ovation.

This may have been a rather casual approach to music but Gekic claims that experiences like this make his career interesting.

He draws satisfaction from playing music, being famous and rubbing shoulders with even more famous than he is. But he is quick to point out that there is the other side of the coin — tremendous physical and psychological pressure. "You sure have to make a big effort to play 34 notes in one second," said Gekic.

Constantly on the move he has little opportunity to live what is known as normal life. "If a man feels well in China, Spain, Egypt, Canada or Warsaw, it means he doesn't particularly care where he is," he says with a note of regret.

Gekic, who graduated from Academy of Arts in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, where he now teaches, has two clear cut ambitions — to perfect his playing and to spend time composing piano music.

In the latter he has already taken a bold step of performing his own arrangement of a piece of music by Liszt. This met with flattering reviews in France — a hopeful sign since it was the press which played a part in the success of Gekic the pianist.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

**MORNING**

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Imraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial: Part 8. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfikar, Tayseer Fahmy, Mohsin Sarhan  
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning  
11.00 Saghira Al Hayat: local Arabic serial: Part 9: starring Hayat Al Fahad, Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayed Essa  
12.00 Variety Show  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial: starring: Fawzia Mahdi, Nizar Al Samari  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 You and Your Health: hosted by Dr. Rashed Al Owaish  
7.50 Questions and Answers: a local programme, prepared and presented by Dr Farouk Omar  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Jawaahir: Arabic serial. Starring Safa Abul Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfik  
11.30 Min Alf Ila Alaya: weekly variety show presented by Tareq Habib. Tonight's guest star is actress Sabah  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via Satellite  
1.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

6.30 Fire Raiser: the children help the police to find clues to a murder  
7.00 Footsteps: explores the civilisation of the Incas in Peru  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley  
9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series  
10.10 Bustin' Loose: Mimi is tired of household chores and asks the children to help her out  
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "I'll be Seeing You." Bower is murdered and the killer is on the run. Starring: William Conrad and Joe E. Penny  
11.30 News Summary: Followed by Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Novelties: cartoon serial

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

0000 World News  
30 Megamix  
0100 News Summary followed by  
0105 World News  
25 Financial News  
30 Poems by Post (ex 31st W.B. Years: Readings from the Poems)  
45 Europe's World  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
30 John Peel  
30 Sports International  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 John Peel  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 The Learning World  
45 New Ideas  
55 Book Choice  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial News (ex 27th)  
45 Words of Faith  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 The Bob's Lost Beatles  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Europe's World  
45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Health Matters  
30 Megamix  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Havana Guitar Festival (ex 3rd Mario Lanza)

### English

**MORNING**

0800 Opening  
0805 Songs and Music  
0810 News in English  
0840 Songs and Music  
0915 Daily Programme  
0930 They Sold a Million  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1030 Country Collection  
1100 Closedown  
**EVENING**  
2100 Opening  
2102 In the Latin Mood  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 Islam  
2215 In the Groove  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Hi Special  
2330 Jazz in Action  
2400 Closedown

### FM Services

0600 Opening/Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1200 Arabic Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Indian Hour  
1800 Pop  
1900 Hotter Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Closedown

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### ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thumayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL JAN 24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Iwan Gallery**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salimiyah.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Cuban art show**  
UNTIL Jan 24: a collection of paintings by Cuban artists is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

**Dahyat Abdulrahman Al Salem Gallery**  
An exhibition of paintings by Hassan Jouni is open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

### THEATRE

**Kuwait Players**  
KUWAIT Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows:  
Jan 23: 5.30 pm: Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland.  
Jan 26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (6.30 pm).  
Jan 27: Final performance is at 4 pm.  
Tickets — KD 3 (adults) and KD 2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048; 5657749. Please collect tickets the day before the performance.

### Funkar Arts Group

JAN 27, 5 pm: The Indian theatre group, Funkar Arts will present two one-act plays. Bus Stop, a comedy and Second Trap, a suspense drama will be performed at the IAC. A dance show will also be held.

**IAC Drama Competition**  
IAC will hold an one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma 2644863; Raman — 3903879.

### MUSIC

**Sun Rhythm Concert**  
JAN 25 (Wednesday) 7.00 pm: An American music group, The Sun Rhythm Section, will give a concert at Sabah Al Salem Theatre, Khaldiya. They play a mixture of rock, country and rhythm and blues music called "Rockabilly." Admission free. It has been organised under the auspices of Kuwait University.

**Piano Recital**  
JAN 25/26, 8 pm: A piano recital will be given by a top Yugoslav pianist, Kemal Gekic, at the Al Afrah Ballroom, Holiday Inn Hotel. For details contact the hotel.

**Edinburgh Philharmonic**  
JAN 28: The Edinburgh Philharmonic Orchestra will give a recital of contemporary and classical music at the Kuwait International Hotel. Excerpts from the music of Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and others will be presented.

**Dhanak**  
FEB 3: The music groups Funkada and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening entitled "Dhanak" at the SAS Tent, featuring a number of local singers and musicians. For details contact Anwar — Tel: 3985456; Zulfikar — Tel: 4814733.

### LECTURE

**Symposium on Heart Disease**  
JAN 28/29: 4.30 pm: Senior specialists, Doctors Edwin Bevin, Delos Cosgrove and Mehdi Razavi from the Cleveland Clinic will participate in a symposium on coronary heart disease. Carotid Artery Stenosis and Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine, Room 144, Jabriya.

### SOCIAL

**Flag-hoisting ceremony**  
JAN 26, 8.30 am: A flag-hoisting ceremony will be held to mark the Republic Day of India at the premises of the Embassy of India, 34 Istiqlal St. All Indians are welcome. The Indian Embassy in Kuwait will be closed on Jan 26.

**Jumble Sale**  
JAN 27 (Friday): St. Paul's jumble sale will be held outside the Kuwait Little Theatre premises in Ahmadi from 2.30 onwards. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household goods will be available at bargain prices. All are welcome.

### Kuwait Rondels

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

### Kuwait Caledonians

FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenn. Tel: 5335082; 5332235; 3727691 ext. 253.

### CINEMA

**Children's film**  
JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10.30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriyah. The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

### HOTELS

**At the International**  
JAN 25th is last day of Spanish extravaganza at the Falaka Restaurant. Ballet Espanol, presented by the Paco de Alba trio and Spanish food are the highlights.

The Chinese Festival gala will be held on Jan 25, cultural show at 9 pm followed by dinner.

A Chinese food corner will be open at La Palma restaurant, until month end.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
FEB 2: 8 pm. The hotel's diamond club presents an evening of entertainment: fun and surprises include competitions. The highlight of the evening will be a fashion show by local designer Tapati Ray. For reservations contact the hotel.

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian trio.

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus supper club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch — fun time for families: games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

### At the Ramada

AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

### At the Continental

GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight: buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday: a la carte dinner.

## Rockabilly rhythm glows in the Sun

THE founding fathers of rockabilly, the hybrid of rhythm and blues and country music, the Sun Rhythm Section, are currently visiting Kuwait.

Rockabilly music took America by storm in the mid-1950s and is associated with one record label: the yellow and brown Sun label inaugurated by Sam Phillips in 1951 as an outlet for Memphis blues talent. By 1954, Sam's discovery of a young truck driver named Elvis Presley shifted the firm's emphasis toward the new rockabilly sound. Soon, his company's roster boasted names like Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison.

Today, the pulsating rhythms that once blasted from Sun's tiny studio remain alive in the hands of the Sun Rhythm Section. Many rock 'n' roll bands have been called "legendary" but few deserve that label as much as the Sun Rhythm Section.

### Veterans

The six veterans were all there when rockabilly began in the 1950s:

- Sonny Burgess: lead guitar and vocals, was a recording artist for Sun records and leader of The Pacers, a sought-after rockabilly band in the 1950s. He also recorded such numbers like "Red Headed Woman" and "We Want to Boogie."

### Funkar to present Hindi plays

FUNKAR Arts, an Indian amateur group, will present two one-act Hindi plays at the Indian Arts Circle on Friday. The show will be a mixture of comedy, suspense and dances. A comedy by Bombay-based writers Shaikh Mohammad Ayub and Mujib Khan entitled Bus Stop and a suspense drama

### ● D.J. Fontana played drums for Elvis Presley for 14 years.

● Paul Burlison, guitar player for Johnny Burnett's Rock and Roll trio and Howling Wolf is off-credited with inventing the fuzz-tone guitar sound.

● Bassist Marcus van Storey, a multi-talented musician, played backup to Warren Smith and Charlie Feathers. He is known for creating the "Slap" bass sound heard in so many rockabilly records.

● Pianist Smokey Smith was an original member of the Markeys and created the Memphis "pumpin'" piano sound.

● Guitarist-vocalist Sonny Burgess had hit songs of his own like "I Wanna Boogie."

The group takes its name from the now defunct Sun Record label, which turned the world on to rock 'n' roll more than 30 years ago.

They say they came together in 1964 to "bring back the unique feel and raw energy of rockabilly music". They started touring the US after their record-breaking performances at the Smithsonian Institute's Folklife Festival in 1986, and have played at many club dates and festivals in the US, including the 1987 Chicago Blues Festival and the 1988 New Orleans Jazz Festival.

The group will perform at a concert in Kuwait. (For details see What's On).

"Second Trap" by Gujarati writer Praveen Solanki will be staged. Arif Kazi, who is also an actor, is directing both plays. The cast of 18 includes Shashi Malhotra, J.R. Dasandi and others. Arif Kazi directed a comedy, Wah Re Bombay Wah, last year.

In addition to plays, the programme features dances performed to film hits like "Ek do teen" from Tezab by Arifa Parkar and Valencia. A number called "Disco Dandia" will be danced by Kusum and Hansa Sagar.

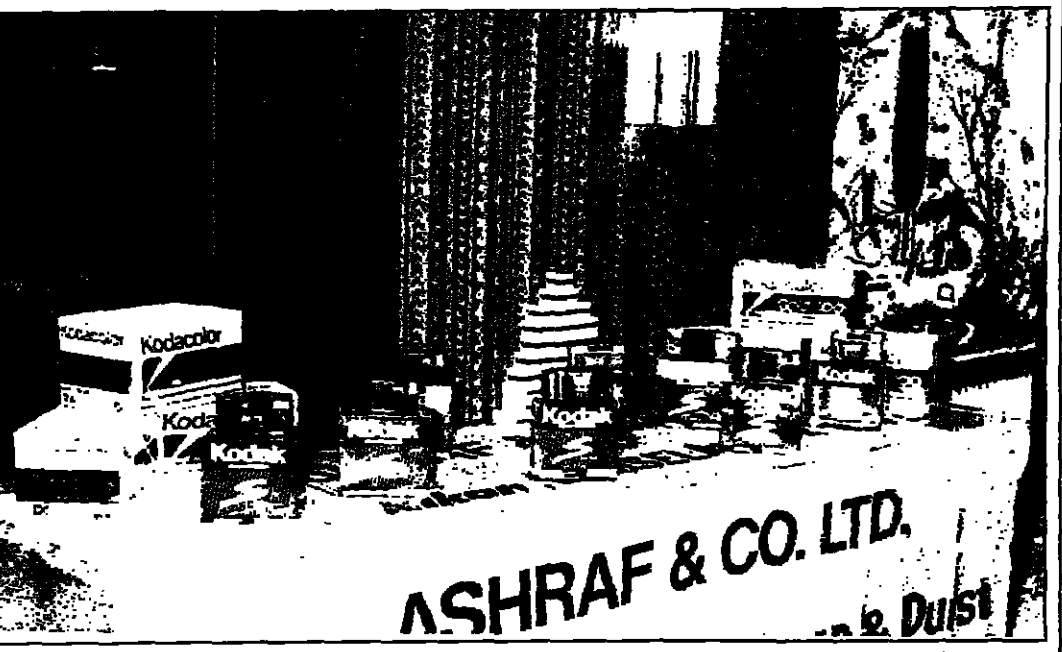
## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars  
Starring: Jackie Chan  
Al Salmiya  
Arabic play  
Al Hamra  
Shaqiqa wa Mutwalli (Arabic)  
Starring: Suad Husni, Ahmad Zaki  
Drive-In  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
Al Firdous  
Pyar Mohabbat (Hindi)  
Starring: Govinda, Mandakini  
Fahad Open-Air  
Paap Ko Jala kar Raakh Kar Doonga (Hindi)

Al Fahheel  
Deadly Pursuit  
Al Jahra  
Pushpamala (Bengali)  
Granada  
Athimamappuram (Malayalam)  
Salabikhat  
Dragon Bruce Lee II  
Al Jleeb  
Jogajog (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Al Shareedah (Arabic)

### PRAYERS

Fajr 5.19 am  
Zuhr 12.00  
Asr 3.00 pm  
Maghreb 5.20  
Isha 6.40



● The new "S" series of cameras from Kodak (above) were recently introduced during a special celebration held by Ashraf and Company, the Kodak agents in Kuwait. The new cameras are easy and take better pictures, according to a press release.

### NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Bakhsh Pharmacy  
Raed Bldg., Ahmed Al Jaber St.  
Al Sharkiya Pharmacy  
Opp. Mawasalat Bldg., Hialli St.  
Hawalli and Nuzra  
Al Kuwait Pharmacy  
Qutaba St.  
Salmiya and Rumailhiya  
Ibn Nafis Pharmacy  
Hmoud Khalifa Al Humaidhi Bldg., Hamad Al Mubarak St.  
Fahheel and Ahmadi  
Abu Halifa Pharmacy  
Coast Road  
Farwaniya  
Al Huwaila Pharmacy  
Mustawfa St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

## Study Electrical and Electronic Engineering in Britain

January 23rd and 24th 5:00 - 8:00 pm at The British Council

For two nights the Education Office will be specialising in information about Electrical and Electronic Engineering studies in the United Kingdom. Come and find out about short courses, college diplomas, first degrees and higher degrees in this subject area. All are welcome. We look forward to meeting you and answering your questions.

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# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEWARE of all enterprises that require new clothes — Henry David Thoreau, US writer (1817-1862).

## A revolution has begun in Hungary

By Eric Bourne

VIENNA: Back in the early '50s the Tito regime in Yugoslavia abandoned a lengthy effort to drag on millions of peasants into Soviet-style collectivization. Tito said that members might leave the collectives and, still more remarkably, that they could take with them the land, stock, and tools each had taken into the farms when — under fierce pressures — they signed up as members. (Previously, those assets were forfeit if they quit.)

The decree was to take effect in six months. But peasants voted with their feet, and, long before that time was reached, Tito's collectives had collapsed.

A similar revolution is beginning in Hungary. There events themselves — a mushrooming of political groups and embryo parties — are overtaking even the most ardent advocates of political pluralism within the Communist Party.

It all happened in the half year since the party's conference elected a new, younger leadership committed to reform far beyond anything envisaged by the pioneering "new economic mechanism" 20 years before.

**Challenge**  
A Union of Young Democrats, an Alliance of Free Democrats, democratic "fronts" of prewar and wartime vintage, several independent trade unions, and a glasnost-style Openness Club for journalists have all sprung into being.

The most challenging move came in mid-November when a handful of veteran party members met with young sympathizers to revive the Smallholders' Party. It was the strongest party in Hungary immediately following the war.

In 1945 elections, in fact, the party took 57 per cent of the vote against a modest 17 per cent each for the communist and socialist parties. The President and prime minister were both Smallholders, and the party was the biggest obstacle to the Sovietization of Hungary.

It was not long, before the Communist leader Matyas Rakosi — backed, of course by the Soviets — began the notorious "salami tactics" which, slice by slice, subverted the ruling coalition from within to seize total power in 1948.

Hungary is now undertaking big political reforms as well as deep economic change. But the party leadership has obviously been surprised by how quickly a host of varied groups has grasped at the new opportunities.

Much of its initial draft was rewritten to meet criticisms. The justice minister said that in its revised form it allows individuals

and unofficial associations to form parties and interest groups. A second law this year and a new constitution to be ready for 1990, will formally concede the principle of multiparty politics, he said.

Not everyone in the Politburo welcomes the prospect. Party leader Karoly Grosz has suggested that if these new groups are able to field candidates at the next parliamentary elections, the Communist Party would find itself in a minority in the next National Assembly.

There is strong disagreement just how far these organizations can be allowed to go. Only the Smallholders, who claim they never legally lost their existence, now calls themselves a party. Others seek registration as "a social organization with political aims." But the challenge is implicit enough.

Some have roused concern, even among the most wholehearted reformers, that they can take things too far, too fast. Some groups, for example, have listed neutrality and withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact among their aims. This was the decisive element in Imre Nagy's 1956 platform that clinched Khrushchev's resolve to crush the uprising.

Twelve years later in Czechoslovakia and again in Poland in 1981 radicalism contributed much to reformers' defeat. Today, the danger is not the possibility of Soviet intervention, but that even a reform-minded party will find it necessary to apply the breaks.

From the moment, Hungary is voyaging in new waters on its own. Gorbachev's truly momentous constitutional reforms may broaden electoral choice, but the Soviet leader is not thinking of new parties.

Hungary counts Poland a reform ally. But the leadership there is hardly contemplating a multiparty system, let alone enacting legislation in that direction. Polish Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski said recently that "politically, the party's monopoly is over" and that the 1989 elections will bring "independent opposition circles" into parliament.

The operative word is "circles" not parties. The Polish party, Rakowski says, is not going to "relinquish power."

Among Hungary's leaders there is still sharp disagreement about a multiparty system. But it is being openly argued. A dissident political scientist — expelled from the party as an overzealous reformer in the last days of the Kadar regime — aptly summed it up as a time of "fertile confusion."

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## Glasnost is generating refugee flow

# US struggling to handle the abundance of its success

By E.A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost (openness) is generating a refugee overflow for the United States. The US is struggling to handle the abundance of its success.

"We've been demanding all along that the Soviet government let their people go, and now Gorbachev is saying 'go ahead and help yourself,'" says Court Robinson of the nonprofit US Committee for Refugees.

In 1986, 913 Jews left the Soviet Union via Vienna. As of Dec 4, about 15,540 had arrived in Vienna last year. An estimated 13,670 were seeking to come to the US. As of Oct 1, more than 9,000 had emigrated last year.

Sources in and out of government say the number of Soviets asking to come to the US could easily double the 24,500 refugee entry spaces currently approved for all Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union for this fiscal year.

The surging numbers are overwhelming the US refugee programme and have sparked a review of US policy.

"Current policy is put together with paper clips and rubber bands," says a former official who specialised in these ques-

tions. In an effort to meet immediate needs, the administration is beginning to use a special "parole" authority of the attorney general to offer entrance to some of the several thousand Soviet Jews and Armenians in the current backlog. These applicants could well otherwise have to wait many months for admission to the US and some might not qualify as "refugees" under US law.

**Success**  
However, this approach worries US groups supporting Jewish emigration. The soaring numbers are "a US foreign policy success," says Phillip Saperia, assistant executive vice-president of the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), but the US response "should be an extraordinary embarrassment. This outflow is something we've wished for, prayed for, and demanded for years."

Saperia and others worry that US hesitancy to accept Soviet emigrants could be interpreted by Moscow and other communist governments as a sign that they don't need to keep the exit doors open.

Unlike refugee admission, the parole process does not ensure travel and welfare benefits or easy means to become a citizen. A parolee needs a sponsor to pay his way and guarantee a job.

US officials and legislators say they recognise these problems, but are struggling with tighter budgets and the need to have available money and space for those in dire need around the world. "This is quite a dilemma for the politicians," says an informed Senate aide. "They want to respect what groups in the US are saying — that everyone who leaves is a bona fide refugee — but that is not true of any country, including the Soviet Union."

Top US officials are consulting with Congress on meeting the short-term crunch and finding a longer-term solution. One proposal for the longer term, which sources say may take legislative form soon, is to create a new legal category for entering the US. This category would fall in between that of refugees — who must demonstrate a "well-founded fear of persecution" — and immigrants, who in most cases must have special ties to the US, or desired skills.

For this fiscal year, Congress approved 90,000 refugee slots, but only funded \$84,000. The

remaining \$6,000 can be funded once the refugees get to the US, but private money will be needed to get them here.

Even going this far worried top officials, including former Secretary of State George Shultz. Now the needs are multiplied.

In the case of the Soviet Union, the administration last year sought emergency approval of 15,000 additional admissions to meet the sharp increase of Soviet Jewish and Armenian emigrants. Congress approved the additional numbers, but not all the funding. The gap was met by cutting services and borrowing from other funds, but officials came away convinced that wouldn't work again.

**Hardship**  
Of the 24,500 refugee slots for the Eastern bloc, only about 16,000 are allocated to the Soviet Union. Private specialists say the backlog from the USSR alone could reach 30,000 by the end of the fiscal year in September. US officials are talking about a 25,000-person surplus, based on current flows.

Given the surging numbers, it's not surprising that the processing machinery in Moscow and Rome is falling behind. At the end of October the back-

log in Moscow was about 6,000, according to informed officials. The wait causes hardship. Most of those applying have already cut many of their ties, sold their homes, and left their jobs. They are now faced with the prospect of waiting months, and many don't understand why, officials say.

Who is a refugee? The US has been bending the 1980 refugee law for Soviet emigrants. "It's an open secret that refugees from the Soviet Union did not go through the rigorous questioning to see if they were really persecuted as required by law," says a congressional specialist. "But now INS (the Immigration and Naturalization Service) has started to pose those questions."

In 1987, key congressmen also started to ask the administration about reports of questionable applications, and how fear of persecution was justified if some of the new refugees, particularly Armenians, kept their Soviet passports and could visit back and forth. They and many inside the administration worried that unless the law was rigorously applied, the US system would become inequitable or get out of control.

Armenian groups in the US

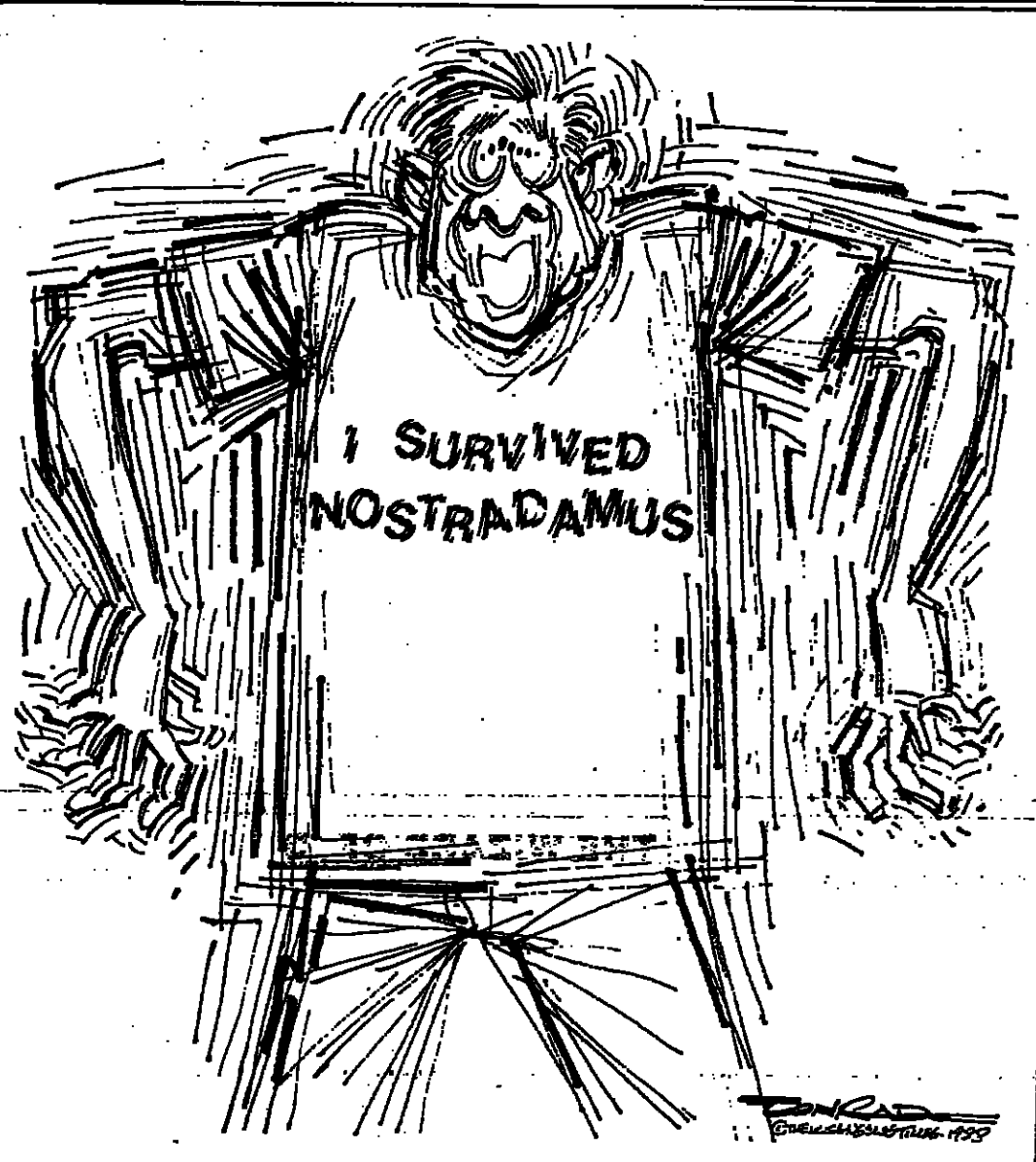
seem comfortable with a screening process, say specialists in and out of government. But Jewish groups are not. For them, being a Jew automatically qualifies one as a refugee, given the long history of persecution in Czarist Russia and Soviet Union.

HIAS's Saperia says legitimate refugees are now being denied entrance. He says 171 Soviet Union Jews have been denied refugee status since mid-September, many of whom have case histories identical to those granted such status.

Saperia and others argue that the energy being put into short-term fixes should be redirected to winning approval for new numbers and dollars to meet the immediate needs. US officials hope private groups and ethnic communities will help meet the dollar crunch.

There is general agreement that in the longer term, the US and the Soviet Union should work out a regular means of handling emigration. On the US policy side, there seems to be significant support for creating a new "humanitarian entrant" category which would apply to emigrants seeking to leave a communist society.

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## Macau fighting a losing battle

By Diane Stormont

MACAU, (Reuters): Fearing a massive influx of youths from China into the tiny Portuguese territory, Macau government officials were careful to give no warning of a recent limited amnesty for illegal immigrants.

Despite the effort, word quickly spread through the villages of the Pearl River delta and hundreds of young Chinese sneaked past border patrols to try their luck during a surprise two-day amnesty early in January.

**Quality**

Some swam the few hundred yards (metres) across Duck Channel which separates the Macau peninsula from mainland China. Others paid professional smugglers for a speed-boat ride to isolated beaches.

"It's impossible to say how many got through but 370 were detained while trying to cross,"

said Jose Fernando Proenca de Almeida, a colonel-in the Macau security forces.

But even for those who got through the effort was not worth it. They could not qualify for residency because the moratorium applied only to children under 18 born in Macau of illegal immigrants.

Undeterred, many joined the crush hoping to slip through somehow. Police estimated 30,000 people turned up outside the registration centre but the mainlanders were distinguishable by their cheap clothing and short haircuts.

The crowds were swelled further by older illegal immigrants already living in Macau who police said had misunderstood the terms of the moratorium.

The size of the crowds caught the authorities by surprise. Government estimates had suggested there were only 3,500 children of illegal immigrants in Macau eligible for registration.

Police cadets and the military had to be drafted in to control the quiet but often desperate crowds and another registration centre was opened nearby on the second day.

"More than 60 per cent were found to be ineligible," said Proenca de Almeida, and only 5,611 children were accepted for registration.

The rest were turned away by police but no attempts were made to arrest illegals exposed during the exercise.

"It would be impossible to cope with the numbers especially if there was a riot," a police spokesman said. "If they get caught later, they will get sent back to China."

Many, he said, would return again and again to Macau — a Portuguese territory for more than 400 years but scheduled to be handed back to China in 1999. Government statistics put the number of illegal immigrants in Macau at 57,000 out of an official population of 500,000. Proenca de Almeida said the security forces put the figure as high as 350,000.

**Relaxed**

"We are far more relaxed than the British (in nearby Hong Kong)," he said. "Their Army patrols the border and they throw illegal into jail. Maybe that is why they come here."

The British colony of Hong Kong, 40 miles east across the Pearl River delta, imposes jail sentences of up to a year and fines of up to 50,000 H.K. dollars (\$6,400) for employing illegal immigrants.

Macau police sources confirmed illegal immigrants caught without papers, usually during routine checks, were repatriated immediately but they were unable to give numbers.

Employers of illegal immigrants can be fined but prosecutions are rare.

The Portuguese territory is heavily dependent on illegal immigrants to fill low-paying jobs in factories and as servants, residents said.

## Making U-turns was not a problem

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON, (AP): In an uncertain world, Ronald Reagan stood for certainty. He was unwavering, absolute in his convictions — especially when changing.

Consistency was not a centre piece of the Reagan White House.

But that style not only worked, it triumphed. The 40th President left office on Friday with the highest public approval ratings since the pollsters started keeping score.

A New York Times-CBS News poll conducted Jan 12 to 15 showed 68 per cent approval of Reagan's job performance. That's nine points higher than the farewell approval rating of the late President Dwight Eisenhower. And Reagan made those numbers count politically. He was the first president in 60 years to leave the office at an elected successor of his own party.

For Reagan, the genius was not in the details but, more often, in avoiding them. He made U-turns without a second thought and usually without a problem. He campaigned against deficits and tripled them. He won the biggest tax cut in US history and later quietly signed the biggest increase. He denounced Moscow's "evil empire," then fashioned a "new closeness" with the Soviet Union under new leadership.

**Deficit**  
A prime exhibit: the swollen US budget deficit.

"Time and again I have proposed measures to help curb federal domestic programme spending," Reagan said in the budget he bequeathed to President George Bush. "Time and again these proposals have been rejected by Congress."

He said the deficit problem began with the recession that hit

## Reagan's style worked

early in his first term, and worsened because he couldn't get half the spending curbs he sought. By Reagan's reckoning, he hadn't changed, conditions had. So he kept making the deficit speech while the deficit soared on his watch.

But in six of the eight Reagan budget years, the budget passed by Congress actually was lower than that proposed by the administration.

Supplemental appropriations, approved after the budget resolution was adopted, pushed actual spending higher than the Reagan budget in all but two of those years. Those additions were the handiwork of both Congress and the administration.

Reagan campaigned in 1980 with a promise to balance the budget within a four-year term. The federal debt has nearly tripled, to \$2.6 billion, during his two years. The average deficit was \$180 billion.

With deficits worsening, Reagan insisted that "the budget had not been a campaign commitment. 'I've never said anything but that it was a goal.'"

He promised a military buildup and he delivered, a \$2.4 trillion expansion during his eight years. That fed the deficit and the struggle over priorities that raged through both his terms.

Reagan political challenges stayed the hands of two presidents, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, in arms control dealings with Moscow. Ford dropped the word "detente" from his vocabulary while fending off Reagan in 1976. Compared with the Reagan-era thaw, Ford's detente was a chill.

Reagan's farewell address described "a satisfying new closeness with the Soviet Union." He and Soviet President Mikhail

Gorbachev signed the treaty to scrap intermediate range nuclear missiles, met at the summit five times in three years and fashioned a dramatically different relationship between Washington and Moscow.

Reagan said that was possible because "this time, so far, it's different," the Soviet Union has changed.

Reagan changed, too, but he wasn't given to mentioning it. When the Iran arms sales of 1985 and 1986 were disclosed, Reagan insisted he had not tried to trade arms for hostages.

The record showed otherwise. When his own investigating commission said so, the president acknowledged that what he called an attempted opening to Iran had deteriorated into arms for hostages.

Even then, he said "my heart and my best intentions still tell me" it wasn't a trade despite "the facts and the evidence." Soon afterward he reverted to the no-trade position and stuck with it.

**Rediscovery**

For all that, Reagan's years were years of evolution. "They call it the Reagan revolution and I'll accept that," he said, "but for me it always seemed more like the great rediscovery: a rediscovery of our values and our common sense."

Rediscovery or revolution, it rewrote the agenda, ending an era in which government programmes multiplied to address each emerging problem. Reagan always said that government was the problem, not the solution.

He argued that the government shouldn't have more revenue because it would only spend the money. His parting budget advice was to curb deficits "by continuing to limit the appetite of government."

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## Sanctuary for immigrants

# Church against state tussle in Britain

By Lyndsey Griffiths

LONDON, (Reuters): A mosque and a network of "safe houses" backed by the British Council of Churches are harbouring more than 50 immigrants threatened with deportation, despite a government warning against offering illegal sanctuary.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd told clergymen on Wednesday to think carefully before giving refuge to law-breakers after police arrested Sri Lankan Viraj Mendis at a Manchester church where he had lived for two years.

Mendis was later deported to Sri Lanka.

Their raid was possible because the legal right to church sanctuary was abolished in 1623. Mendis obtained shelter while fighting to remain in Britain and claiming that he risked prosecution and possible death at home because of his support for Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka.

His plight has focused attention on others who have gone underground with church help rather than beset by Mendis. Mendis was deported to Sri Lanka on Friday.

**Shelter**  
The Council of Churches shelters 52 illegal immigrants in safe houses known as the "underground railroad" because it regards immigration laws as racist.

"We accept the need for immigration controls but the law as it stands always acts on and excludes blacks, council spokesman David Haslam said.

"People raise the question — is it appropriate for the church to break the law? But politicians have strayed into the area of morality and the law has got itself into a mess and is having a racist effect," he added.

Most of those in safe houses are Sri Lankan, Iranian, Iraqi or Turkish.

unsuccessful attempts to legalise his status. His wife, whom he married the same year, is a legal resident as are his children.

Immigration authorities refused to allow Khan's appeals on the grounds the marriage was purely to obtain the right to stay.

Muhammad Idris of Birmingham's Asian Resource Centre said Mendis' seizure and subsequent deportation has not worried the Khans. "He has been married for five years with a constant fear of separation over his head. They'll stay in there as long as it takes," he said.

Home office spokesman Bob Thomas said Khan was in no immediate danger and added: "While he is in the mosque we can't go in. There are no plans to get him out."

**Shelter**  
The Council of Churches shelters 52 illegal immigrants in safe houses known as the "underground railroad" because it regards immigration laws as racist.

"We accept the need for immigration controls but the law as it stands always acts on and excludes blacks, council spokesman David Haslam said.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

1547 — Earl of Surrey is executed for treason in England.

1568 — Duke of Alva declares William of Orange (the Silent) an outlaw.

1634 — Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II secretly deprives Duke of Wallenstein of his command and declares him a traitor.

1798 — Irish rebellion breaks out.

1848 — James Marshall finds gold nugget in US state of California, touching off gold rush.

1907 — First Boy Scout troop is organised by Sir Robert Baden-Powell in England.

1924 — Petrograd is renamed Leningrad in honour of founder of Soviet Union.

1946 — UN General Assembly votes to create UN Atomic Energy Commission.

1967 — South Vietnam's Premier Nguyen Cao Ky runs into wild anti-war demonstration on visit to New Zealand.

1973 — US negotiator Henry Kissinger says Vietnam peace agreement worked out in Paris also means end to fighting in Laos and Kampuchea. Hanoi's De Luc Tho calls agreement "a great victory for the Vietnamese people."

1986 — Guerrillas advance into Ugandan capital of Kampala as Army opposition crumbles, pushing military government to edge of collapse.

1988 — Leslie Manigat is elected President in Haiti.

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PEOPLE

An enigma ... even to himself

# Salvador Dali: a man of many masks

FIGUERAS, Spain, (Reuter): Salvador Dali, the flamboyant Spanish surrealist painter who loved to shock, was a man of many masks and an enigma perhaps even to himself.

He never appeared to resolve the conflict between artist and showman within him. As everything he did was colourful and on an extravagant scale, critics sometimes wondered how great an artist he really was.

Dali, who died yesterday aged 84, was one of the last survivors of a generation which stormed the art world in the 1930s.

**Pioneers**  
One of the pioneers of surrealism, he was also a writer, stage designer, jeweller, film-maker and book illustrator.

His pronouncements became as famous as his works — at the age of seven he wrote an autobiography proclaiming his intention of being a genius.

Later he claimed his famous waxed moustaches were antennae picking up cosmic vibrations, and he once declared the railway station at the southwestern French town of Perpignan to be the centre of the universe.

But he was perhaps most famous for paintings in which he sought to impose a hallucinatory vision on reality and transform it with fantastic shapes and juxtapositions, such as the "soft watches" drooping over tables.

**Technique**  
His meticulous technique lent an almost photographic air to dream-like pictures in which the same shape could resemble both a swan and an elephant, a pile of rocks and a kneeling man.

Born in Figueras, in the northern corner of Catalonia, on May 11, 1904, Dali studied art in the 1920s in Madrid and was suspended for a year for inciting students to insurrection.

Jailed briefly for subversion, he was finally expelled from college for refusing to sit an examination on the grounds that his professors were not competent to judge him.

Like many artists of the time, Dali was drawn to Paris and after arriving in 1926 soon became one of the leading figures in Andre Breton's surrealist movement.

Despite a friendship with Picasso, Dali was never interested in the Cubist School's recon-



Dali at the start of his career (left) and with his wife Gala.

structions of reality. His "soft watches," he said, represented Einstein's space-time concept and were made of "paranoic critical camouflage."

Surrealism, he said, was a "spontaneous method of irrational understanding based on the interpretative critical association with delirious phenomena."

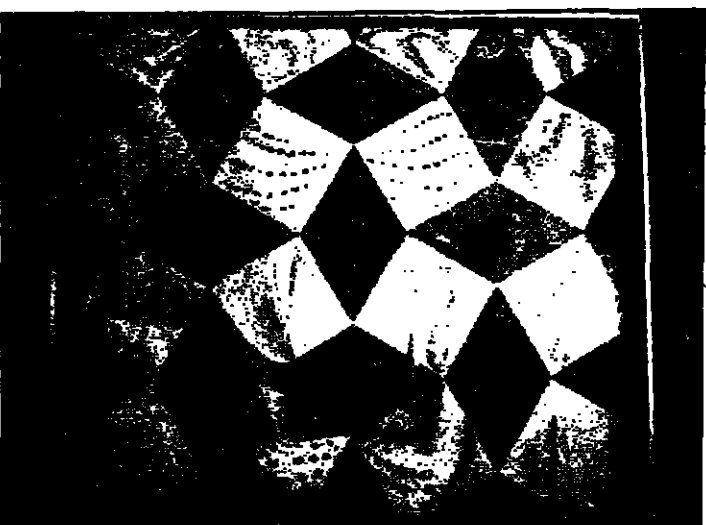
**Style**

He said bones should be worn outside, rather than beneath, the flesh. "The spectre of sex-appeal" illustrated his theory that women should satisfy an innate exhibitionism by detaching parts of their bodies and handing them round to be admired.

But his insistence on precise graphic style eventually led Dali away from the surrealists. By the late 1930s he had returned to classicism and was becoming influenced by the Italian Renaissance and its fleshy sensuality.

In 1940 he moved to the United States where he achieved considerable commercial success with a series of religiously-inspired paintings like "The Last Supper" and "The Crucifixion."

Despite making millions of dollars with his work, money was never Dali's strong point. He was notoriously bad at managing his own affairs, with the result that his trust was often abused and he became the victim of unscrupulous commercialisation.



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Allegations of widespread forgeries surfaced, especially after a fire at his 11th century castle home at Pubol, Spain, in August 1984 in which he was badly burned.

Dali's break with surrealism marked a new political phase for the former student rebel. He converted to Roman Catholicism, became a royalist, and lived without qualms in Spain under the Franco dictatorship.

**Spectacular**

Political conservatism, however, did not prevent him from continuing his spectacular public behaviour. Once he met the press wearing a diving suit and leading two wolfhounds. In Rome in 1954 he emerged from a large egg declaring "I am reborn."

He later claimed to be apologetic — "I am a Dalian" — but his reconciliation with democratic Spain was gradual. King Juan Carlos made him a Marquis in 1982 for his "exceptional contribution to Spanish culture."

The king opened a major retrospective exhibition on Dali in 1983 and the artist responded by announcing he was leaving all his works to the Spanish state.

Even the Soviet Union recognised his genius with a major exhibition in 1988.

Late in life he became a recluse, shattered by the death of his Russian-born wife and muse Gala in 1982. He said life meant nothing without her, had her buried at Pubol, shut himself away for two years and virtually stopped painting.

When the 1984 fire, caused probably by an electrical short circuit, engulfed his bedroom, Dali was found to be emaciated and doctors and friends said he had refused to eat because he wanted to die.

Relatives and others said, however, that he had been neglected by friends and servants who looked after him. After seven weeks in hospital, Dali moved to a medieval tower decorated with giant eggs and bread rolls at his museum in Figueras.

A nervous disease similar to Parkinson's made his hands shake. In one of his last interviews, Dali said: "The best gift anyone could give me would be to leave me alone."

By John Smith

MORE than 20 years on, Twiggy can still laugh at the jokes she once inspired in every bar-room in Britain.

Q: What does Twiggy have tattooed on her chest?

A: This side up.

"Somebody gave me a badge from the Sixties the other day," she recalls with a chuckle. "It said: 'Forget Oxfam — feed Twiggy'."

And again the laughter rings out as the skinny kid from Neasden who became an international star recalls those madcap days when Twiggy was the Face of The Sixties and her matchstick figure kept comedians in jokes for years.

She'll be 40 next birthday. But it's hard to believe it as she sits in her elegant Earls Court flat smiling impishly through the kind of baby blue eyes that are enough to make a married man leave home.

At the height of her teenage modelling triumph, she weighed 6-1/2 st. Now she's around 8 st. but the pounds have crept into all the right places and she can still look stunning in a mini-skirt.

"Reaching 40 doesn't worry me," she says, brushing back her long blonde hair and busting into the kitchen to make instant coffee. "Anyway, I couldn't really lie about it or hide it. My age has been written about since I was 16."

Birthdays aside, 1989 promises to be a big year in the continuing career of the former Lesley Hornby whose unashamed accent still owes more to London than Los Angeles. She plays Charlie Chaplin's mother in a six-part series.

"It was a smashing, meaty part for me to get," she enthuses. "It's quite a harrowing story — I end up in an asylum. I cried my eyes out when I read the script."

**Nude**

"It's not a glamorous part. For the first ten minutes I look OK, but after that I look dreadful."

So convincing is her portrayal of the dreadfully abused Hannah Chaplin that Twiggy's ten-year-old daughter Carly — from her marriage to American actor Michael Whitney — got quite upset to see her distressed mum on screen during a preview.

She announced loudly: "I want to leave, I want to leave!" The Chaplin role is a further

At the height of her modelling career, Twiggy, the skinny girl who became an international star, weighed 6-1/2 stones. Now as she nears 40, the pounds have crept to 8 stone but she still looks stunning.



Twiggy: reaching 40 doesn't worry her

boost for Twiggy's ambitions to be taken seriously as an actress. So is her portrayal of an over-the-hill pop star in the John Schlesinger film Madame Sousatzka.

The original script called for Twiggy to bare all in a nude scene, but the lady who was once the best known model in the world balked at stripping. "I won't do nudity. I would

feel terribly uncomfortable, especially as I have a young daughter. It would embarrass her — and me."

"I went to tea with John Schlesinger and explained the problem, and he was lovely. He said the nudity wasn't necessary to the story. I can't even remember the details — it was something like walking around the flat with no clothes on. We agreed that it was just as easy for me to be dressed as undressed."

The conniving agent who exploits pop star Twiggy in the film is played by Leigh Lawson, the Travelling Man actor she married last year.

While delighted to be working alongside him, Twiggy resents suggestions that she and her handsome husband have now become an inseparable show business "package deal."

She was particularly angered by a recent suggestion that she and Leigh, who has two young sons, were packing their bags and leaving London to star in an American TV series which Twiggy had only agreed to do if Leigh was included in the cast.

"It's true we've both been approached by a major American studio to do a pilot show for a series. But nothing is finalised — as yet there is not even a script or a starting date."

"Meantime, Leigh and I are getting on with our separate careers."

Her plans also include a determined attempt to move away from the Twiggy image.

"I knew I can never kill the Twiggy thing," she concedes. "Taxi drivers still yell: 'Allo, Twigs' when they see me."

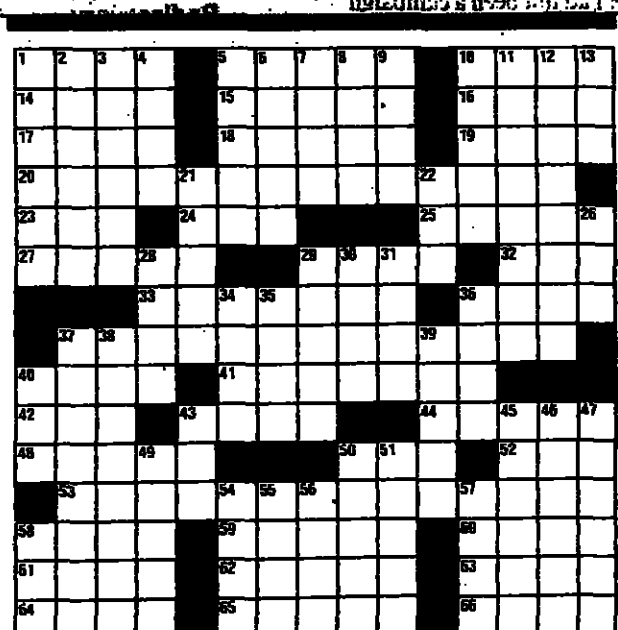
"And being Twiggy was nothing to be ashamed of. What happened to me was a ten million to one chance."

She pauses, sapphire eyes shining at the mere thought of such a Cinderella saga.

Yet if the fawn-eyed image of the teen-age model of yesterday lingers on, nowhere will it be more fondly harboured than in the heart of the leggy London schoolgirl.

"You know," she says, "when I first had some fashion photos done, the photographer told me I was pretty. I'd never been told that before. 'I thought I was just skinny and awful. So, you see, there's hope for us all.'"

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**  
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5 Ceases  
10 Expression of discovery  
14 Lake Indian  
15 Vieux —, New Orleans' French quarter  
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17 China's Great —  
18 Class or group  
19 Repute  
20 Start of quote, with "As"  
23 Classic car  
24 Switch positions  
25 Tendencies  
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32 Piece of advice  
33 Sweep  
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37 Author of quote  
40 Desert dry  
41 Arouse  
42 K-O connection  
43 Law of tenses  
44 Certain tides  
48 Desert blooms  
50 Chinese/Russian river  
52 Gangster's gun  
53 End of quote, with "to"  
58 Dines late  
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60 Rare bird  
61 Courage  
62 Prickle  
63 First garden  
64 Hamilton's bills  
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

**GUESS WHO?**

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

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♦ K 10 8 4

♦ Q 5

♦ K 4

**WEST**

♦ 9 6 2

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♦ 8 6 3

♦ 9 8 6 5 2

**SOUTH**

♦ Q

♦ A J 9 6 2

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♦ A Q J 10

**The bidding:**

South West North East

1 ♥ 2 ♦ 2 ♥ Pass

3 ♦ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

From reading our columns, you might come to think that an expert declarer knows where every card is and never has to rely on guesswork. Not so. Every once in a while a hand comes along where, no matter what your level of skill, you are completely at sea. For instance, consider this hand from a team match.

Both Souths arrived at a contract of four hearts after similar auctions.

North discounted his queen of diamonds when he decided to bid only two hearts at his first turn, but he made up for that when his partner made a game try.

At both tables West took the first two tricks with high diamonds while East echoed to show an even number of cards in the suit by first playing the seven. West continued with the jack of diamonds.

At one table, declarer decided that, for his vulnerable overcall, West was more likely to hold the queen of hearts, so he chose to ruff with the eight in dummy. East overruffed and cashed the ace of spades for the setting trick.

At the other table, declarer reasoned that, since West held six diamonds, he was likely to be short in hearts. As that might have persuaded him to finesse East for her majesty anyway, declarer opted to ruff with the king of trumps and then run the ten. When that won, the next round of trumps enabled declarer to pick up the queen and claim his contract.

Who was right? There's little to choose. However, we are a trifle more impressed by the latter argument. Could it be because it proved to be right?

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



**B.C.**

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will have a good idea but you will need to brood upon it. You should not lose faith in yourself and those around you. Keep an open mind towards change. Be prompt.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

Things will be rather confusing and you should do your best to sort matters out. You will have plenty of wind in your sails but you should avoid drifting. Do not ask for more than you can reasonably expect. Be tactful.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

The influences are mixed, not a good day on which to embark on an adventure. Take care when dealing with anything electrical. Do not say the first thing that comes to mind. Be sincere.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You should avoid making a decision on the spur of the moment. You should look to the future but also keep your mind very much on the present. Do not do to another what you would not want done to you. Be hopeful.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you feel more rebellious. If you do not take special care you may well do something you will come to regret. Do not place too much reliance on others. Be magnanimous.



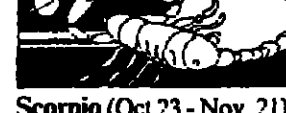
**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

The Moon's better influence will help you to maintain harmony. You must make quite sure you avoid driving recklessly. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be alert.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

You will be able to have a rewarding day but you must work hard. Do not try to do by force something you have not been able to do by persuasion. Make sure you do not break a promise you have made. Be resolute.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You will feel a little uncertain and unsure of yourself and should not take any chances right now. You will have to work hard if you want to be sure of meeting your commitment.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

If you place too much reliance on luck you will be most disappointed. You should avoid taking on more commitments than you can cope with. And make sure you keep a promise you have made. Be observant.



**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

This is likely to be a most interesting and rewarding day for you. You should not work so hard that you have no time at all for your leisure pursuits. Avoid leaving any doors or windows unlocked — burglars about. Be courteous.



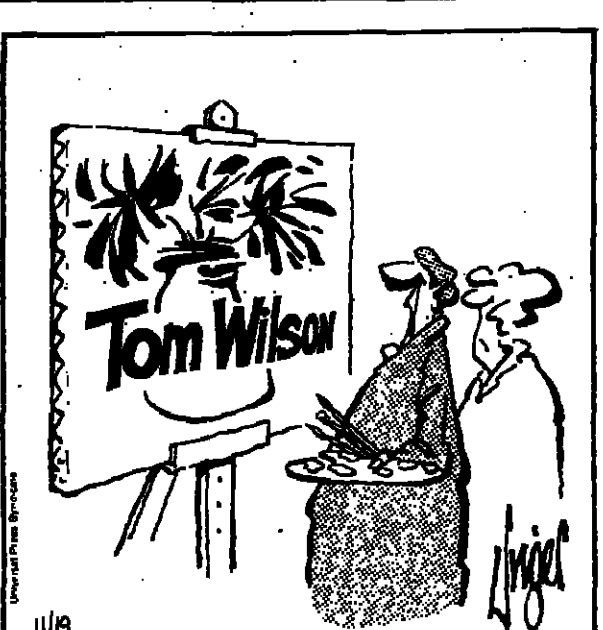
**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**

You will have the wind in your sails but you will have to change direction just slightly. You should beware of leaving anything half undone.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

Do not allow yourself to be dissuaded from what you have determined to do. On the other hand make sure that what you are doing is reasonable. Listen attentively, but do not believe all you hear. Be fair.



"I'm tired of being an unknown artist."



# Exotic animals threatened as the Amazon is hacked away

## Scientists battle for Brazilian wildlife

By Brian Nicholson

SAO PAULO, Brazil, (UPI): Racing against time, American scientists are training Brazilian zookeepers to save exotic animals threatened by immediate extinction as the Amazon jungle is hacked and burned away.

"In another generation or two, even if we can no longer see these animals in the wild, with luck we might still be able to see them in captivity," said Dr Chris Wemmer of the Smithsonian Institution, based in Washington, D.C.

"The stakes are very high in Brazil," said Wemmer, 45, in an interview at Sao Paulo zoo. "There's a great richness of wildlife, but the forest is being cut down so fast it's creating a unique problem."

The Smithsonian is focusing on Brazil as part of a worldwide drive to educate zookeepers. It wants zoos to become guardians for many species that mankind will otherwise exterminate.

Wemmer is assistant conservation director at the Smithsonian's National Zoo Park at Front Royal, Virginia, which participated in the saving of at least one animal, the beautiful golden lion tamarin, from the brink of extinction.

**Dwindled**  
The silky-haired, squirrel-sized monkey lives in Brazil's coastal Atlantic forest. But the forest has virtually disappeared, plundered for firewood and farmland.

The tamarin dwindled to a few dozen before American and then European zoologists set up an international breeding programme. Now the tamarin is back up to a safe level, at least in captivity, and zoos have released some families into a reserve



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north of Rio de Janeiro. "That's the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, to reintroduce a species," Wemmer said.

But that operation involved just one species and major international zoos. If a significant number of threatened Amazon species are to be saved, Brazil's own 60-plus zoos must do the job.

Building on earlier Smithsonian programmes in Thailand and Malaysia, Wemmer spent a month teaching Brazilian zookeepers how to control breeding and establish a solid gene pool for each vanishing animal.

"Some animals that are

extremely rare in American zoos are commonplace here, so no real effort is being made to save them," Wemmer said.

Forests and scrublands are disappearing so fast that local zoos receive a constant supply of rare beasts. Farmers often raise them as pets, then donate them to zoos when the animals grow and become difficult to handle. This plentiful supply creates a false sense of security for zookeepers.

"But in 10 or 15 years this flow will dry up, and if nothing is done now these species will vanish," Wemmer said.

Top of the list is a brilliant blue parrot called the hyacinth macaw, a bird that fetches \$6,000

or \$7,000 in the United States. Just 1,000 or 2,000 remain, Wemmer said. But because they still seem plentiful in Brazil only a couple of local zoos have tried to mate them.

Other top worries from the jungle and Brazil's grassland and swamp regions are the giant anteater, the giant otter, another member of the parrot family called the gold conure and the maned wolf, a curious animal that has evolved stilt-like legs for striding through tall grasses.

Each of these species probably numbers in the low thousands. Anna Gutemberg, ecology director of the Sao Paulo-based International Union for Animal

Protection, said Brazil's natural abundance deluded people.

"We act like it will go on forever, more fertile land, more animals," she said.

The situation in the Amazon is most critical. Huge areas are being flooded behind hydroelectric dams. Unlicensed lumberjacks rip swaths through virgin forest, uncontrolled gold prospecting kills entire rivers with mercury poisoning, widespread burning destroys thousands of square miles each year and haphazard colonization brings hordes of peasants into close contact with wildlife.

"Often these peasants shoot anything that moves, be it rare animal or an Indian," Gutemberg said.

There is also a clear commercial interest for smugglers in making species as rare as possible.

"The profit on a live animal or on skin, teeth or claws becomes greater with rarity," she said.

Brazilian law bans the sale and export of endangered species and police make occasional seizures. However, Gutemberg said, the government generally seemed little interested in wild animals.

She praised the Smithsonian programme but said more international pressure was needed to save the Amazon and its animals.

"Brazilian nature-lovers can't do it by themselves," she said. "The Amazon is a heritage of all mankind."

Wemmer said he will ask the US government and private foundations to fund an on-going zoo programme.

"Half a million dollars, even \$100,000 a year, could make a real difference," he said. "It would help teach zookeepers and set up computerized breeding records."



An elephant hunt in progress in Tanzania. "If people want to pay money to kill some, well then they might as well do it here," says one official. In Tanzania the government charges \$2,500 for each elephant legally shot by a hunter.

## Big game hunting is big business in Tanzania

By David Ress

ARUSHA, Tanzania, (Reuters): Big game is big business in parts of Africa.

Tourists pay millions of dollars a year to come and see Africa's wildlife — and smugglers pay millions more in strictly illegal purchases of ivory and rhino horn from poachers.

In Tanzania, the government charges \$2,500 for each elephant legally shot by a hunter.

That is just the start of the money the government makes from the scores of big game hunters who come here, the main jumping-off point for the rolling plains and desolate mountains of northern and western Tanzania.

Tanzania is one of the few places left where hunters can legally kill big game.

"We have enough animals here," said Muhidin Ndolanga, general manager of the Tanzania Wildlife Corporation, the state-owned company which runs all the country's hunting safaris.

"If people want to pay money to kill some, well then they might as well do it here," he said.

However, as poachers step up the slaughter, governments across Africa are concerned that soon they may not have the animals that tourists want to see.

Kenya banned big game hunting in 1977 and this year said poachers would be shot on sight. Three have been already, and even more have been killed in Zimbabwe, the only other country with a shoot-to-kill policy towards poachers.

In Zambia, the government has been steadily cutting down the number of hunting safaris

allowed to about half a dozen a year. A handful of countries, including Ethiopia and the Central African Republic, allow a small number of hunters.

But about 200 hunters a year come to Tanzania.

Their bag runs to about 100 elephant a year, in addition to game ranging from lion to baboons.

In contrast, in just one August raid, Tanzanian police seized the tusks of 198 elephants killed by poachers.

Poachers kill several thousand elephants every year.

Tanzania gets nothing of their earnings, but the government made \$3.5 million from its hunting safaris last year.

Ndolanga said he expects income will rise this year.

Only some of this comes from the government's killing fees — \$2,500 a head for elephant, \$1,400 for lion and leopard and \$365 dollars for a zebra, cheetah, rhinoceros and giraffe may not be killed.

**Change**

To shoot elephants or the big cats, hunters must sign up for at least a 21-day safari, at a cost of between \$560 and \$25 per person per day, depending on how large their party is and how many professionals are hired to help them find their animals.

Every change of camp costs another \$1,850 while transport to the hunting grounds ranges from \$1,200 to 2,100 per vehicle. Chartered aircraft, liquor and soft drinks are extra, as is the \$1,000 fee for packing, documenting and shipping each trophy the hunter decides to keep.

The hunters, who mostly come

from the United States, are the big spenders of Tanzania's tourist industry.

"They accounted for more than a fifth of the \$15.3 million Tanzania earned from its 118,000 foreign tourists during the year to the end of June — a fraction of neighbouring Kenya's projected 1988 earnings of \$385 million from 700,000 visitors.

But the poaching is threatening to wipe out this lucrative source of income.

Tanzania's elephant population has been more than halved over the past decade to an estimated 77,000, largely because of poaching, Kenya-based conservationist Ian Douglas-Hamilton says.

The population is dropping by 5.5 per cent a year, which is quickly enough to wipe out Tanzania's elephants by the end of the century.

Tanzania has vowed to stop the poaching.

But as with so many other things the government would like to do, there are money problems.

Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world, with a per capita annual income standing at \$253, one-fifth of the market value of an average-sized elephant tusk.

The government allocated a nominal amount for poaching control in its June budget — it basically finances its campaign against poachers with a \$2.9 million grant from West Germany.

"Hunting does contribute quite a large amount of foreign exchange, and that is what Tanzania needs," said Ndolanga.

## After 60 million years will the black rhino disappear?

By John Morrison

HARARE, (Reuters): Can the black rhino, ruthlessly hunted by poachers, survive into the 21st century? Or will it disappear after 60 million years on earth?

Zimbabwe's national parks are using computer modelling techniques to try to answer this question and find out if their battle against poachers stands a chance of succeeding.

Chief ecologist Rowan Martin says the aim is to simulate everything that happens to the rhino in the Zambezi valley, the last area in Africa where it survives in large numbers in the wild.

"The thing we have had the greatest difficulty with is formalising all the concepts around poaching. What is the relationship between the number of men on the ground and the rate at which poachers make incursions?"

Since 1984, when poaching gangs began crossing into Zimbabwe from Zambia, they have killed at least 460 black rhino. Some 47 poachers have been shot dead and more than 30 jailed.

Martin says one clear result of his research is that the high death rate among poachers has not acted as a deterrent the rate of incursions has stayed steady at around 50 a year.

Assuming that poaching will go on, research is now centred on answering the question: how long does a poacher have to kill rhino until he is detected. On average, he will kill a rhino every two days.

"If you kill him, well and good, if you capture him, well and good, it doesn't make any difference what you do to him. What matters is how long it took you to find him."

"I think you've got to accept that illegal hunting is on the increase in Africa for the foreseeable future in a major way... the emphasis has got to be on detection," Martin says.

**Poach**

"The state of affairs in Africa now with incredibly poor economic conditions, a breakdown of law and order, impoverished people who have no prospect of reasonable living... they are going to go for rhino wherever the opportunity crops up."

So far Zimbabwe's national parks have had more success than anywhere else in black Africa against the poachers. But the outlook is far from bright.

Martin foresees that elephant populations in some other countries will be wiped out in the next decade by poachers. "Can you imagine the pressure there is going to be down here on elephants?"

Acting chief warden Glen Tatham says there are signs that Zimbabweans are beginning to poach — a threat which the national parks will find it hard to

meet with their present resources.

"If internal poaching really takes off, we don't stand a chance," says Raoul du Toit, a Zimbabwean biologist and rhino expert who has spent most of 1988 flying over the Zambezi valley trying to count the remaining rhino from the air.

Black rhino are solitary beasts who like dense bush, so counting them is a difficult exercise. But the counting, funded by the World Wide Fund for Nature in Switzerland, is a vital element in current research.

The exact total of rhino is being kept confidential, but he has found a still-viable population of several hundred.

So how long will the rhino survive in the Zambezi valley? Martin says that if there are more than 1,000, they will not go extinct by the year 2000.

"If there are 500, they won't last as long. If there are as few as 250 then we're in a crisis situation." The answer, he says, will have to be more money for protection from government.

Martin believes on the basis of his research that Zimbabwe needs a minimum of one man per 50 square km (20 sq miles) to have a chance of catching poachers, and preferably one man per 20 square km (eight sq miles). "If you can't manage one man per 100 square km (40 sq miles) you can forget it."

Zimbabwe has already stepped up funding for anti-poaching operations, and foreign conservationists are helping plug the gaps by buying radios, Land-Rovers and equipment.

The World Wide Fund for Nature is paying \$45,000 (US\$22,500) a month for a light helicopter, but funding has only been promised to next April. Beyond that date, the fund is likely to want hard evidence that its money is being well spent.

Against this background of mounting costs and uncertain success, some wildlife enthusiasts in Zimbabwe have called for a radical change of approach. Why not dehorn as many rhino as possible and legalise trade in rhino horn to raise funds for conservation?

The idea would be to imitate the tightly controlled legal trade in ivory from the tusks of elephants culled to keep down numbers in national parks.

"We don't know what happens to dehorned rhinos in biological terms. But we do know what happens to rhinos with horns: they get shot by poachers," the magazine Zimbabwe Wildlife said.

National parks officers say there is nothing wrong with such ideas in principle, but they are impractical. Acting chief warden Glen Tatham says that to meet current world demand would require about five tonnes of rhino horn a year.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Saudis to slash oil deliveries to Mitsubishi

## Drop in key Dubai price alarms Gulf producers

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan 23, (AP): A sharp drop in the price of Dubai oil, the yardstick for Gulf oil sales in the Far East, has stirred anxiety among the region's producers because it has cut into their vital oil revenues. The Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The respected Nicosia-based oil industry newsletter said that according to its soundings, "there is currently a great deal of dissatisfaction among Gulf oil exporting countries with the way that the spot price of Dubai crude has been performing... in recent months."

It said that Saudi Arabia, the biggest Gulf producer has advised customers in the Far East of cuts in February deliveries, apparently because of the Dubai price slump.

**Market**  
The Dubai price normally fluctuates by about \$1.50-2.00 a barrel below the price of crude from Britain's Brent field in the North Sea, the benchmark price for most producers.

But MEES said that in recent months the Dubai differential

has slipped to a monthly average of \$2.15 a barrel below Brent since October, with a gap of \$3.00 a barrel in December.

This has naturally caused heavy price losses for the Gulf oil exporters and widespread doubts in their ranks regarding the suitability of Dubai as a reference price yardstick on an unregulated basis, the weekly newsletter noted.

"Gulf oilmen feel that the Dubai market is simply too thin... volatile and open to manipulation to play an adequate role as the main price reference for such

a huge volume of crude from elsewhere in the Gulf."

The newsletter said that one solution gaining wide support among Gulf producers is for them "to take collective action to put a ceiling of \$2.00 a barrel on the Brent/Dubai differential for the purposes of their own price formulas."

**Price**  
It noted that the Dubai price has shot up by around \$2 a barrel in the last week, "perhaps as a result of Japanese fears of an impending volume squeeze on Gulf crude deliveries to far East

markets, to \$16.05 a barrel Jan 19 compared to \$17.65 for Brent.

While this narrowed the price gap to around \$1.60 a barrel, "this sudden improvement is unlikely to allay the fears of the Gulf producers regarding the unreliability of Dubai as a price yardstick," the weekly said.

"In fact, it could be taken as added proof of the unsatisfactory volatility of the Dubai market and the consequent need for a precautionary ceiling on the Brent/Dubai differential."

MEES said Saudi deliveries to Japan's Mitsubishi will be slashed by 24 per cent from 100,000 barrels a day to 76,000, to Kyodo oil by 30 per cent from 50,000 barrels a day to 35,000 and to India by 25 per cent from 60,000 barrels a day to 45,000.

The weekly noted however that Taiwan's CPC will get its full contract volume of 100,000 barrels a day from Saudi Arabia and that European customers will also get their full volume.

Some of Saudi Arabia's US partners in the Arabian American Oil Co. will have their deliveries cut by 10-20 per cent in February, the newsletter added.

**South Korea to develop more overseas energy resources**  
SEOUL, Jan 23, (OPECNA): South Korea will step up efforts to develop overseas energy resources by setting up joint ventures with developing countries in a move to take advantage of its trade surplus, according to Energy and Resources Minister Lee Bong-Suh.

Lee said his ministry would also move from indirect imports of energy resources, such as coal, to direct imports in line with a government policy to improve relations with socialist countries.

**Prices**  
The government has also decided to freeze domestic oil and electric power prices for the year at current levels, while coal prices are not to be allowed to rise by more than two to three per cent.

"Until now, South Korea has imported Chinese coal through Hong Kong, since the two countries do not have formal diplomatic ties."

Lee said energy resources imported through joint ventures would be in the following proportions: crude oil (20 per cent), coal (30 per cent) and uranium (30 per cent); copper and iron ore will account for the balance.

The minister said it was essential for the country to build 38 power plants with a capacity of 18,400 million kw by the year 2001 to cope with rapidly increasing electric power demand.

Under current plans, 17 coal plants, six nuclear stations, four liquefied natural gas facilities and 11 hydro-electric power units are to be constructed in the country over the next few years.

The government is also considering various steps to deal with popular opposition to the construction of nuclear power plants.

**Iraq looks to private sector to spark tourism boom**  
BAGHDAD, Jan 23, (Reuters): Iraq, home of some of the world's oldest archaeological sites, is turning to the private sector to spark a tourist boom after eight years of war with Iran.

As part of a drive to loosen rigorous state control of the economy, the official press has said major hotels and almost all state-run tourist firms will be sold off in whole or part.

Al Iraq daily on Saturday quoted tourism commission chief Abdul Tawab Al Mullah Huwaisa as saying 38 tourist enterprises would be offered in their entirety to Iraqi and other Arab companies.

**Stake**  
A 51 per cent stake in 36 other firms would be sold off, he said. To ensure their freedom from state control, no government representatives would sit on their boards.

Babylon, Sumer and Ur are among a string of ancient sites that could be big tourist draws following an August ceasefire with Iran.

Iranian troops captured Iraqi land and shelled its cities during the war, disrupting all sectors of the economy.

Since President Saddam Hussein launched a privatisation campaign more than a year ago more than 50 state-owned enterprises including farms, food-processing plants and light industrial projects have been privatised.

**Investors**  
The Tourist Commission said last week that 51 per cent of the 21-storey Baghdad Sheraton Hotel is to be offered to private investors and run by a company with capital of 50 million dinars (\$160 million).

The New Babylon Hotel will also be sold off and another hotel, the Baghdad, would be run by a new company with capital of 20 million dinars (\$64 million).

**Japan's inflation outlook gloomy**  
THE major financial markets were once again characterised by volatility in the last quarter of 1988, with the bond sectors especially encountering sharp downturns (except Japan), largely influenced by the fluctuating currency markets coupled with a strong pick-up in economic activity, according to Kuwait International.

Nevertheless, the Japanese market performed remarkably well in terms of bonds, stocks and currencies, while the US market was rather uninspiring with the exception of stocks. The West German, Dutch and UK bond markets failed to sustain the upward momentum though the currency markets rallied sharply, with the equity markets maintaining the positive tendency (except UK).

**Extended**  
The Japanese bond market extended its gains despite a gloomy inflation outlook caused by soaring crude oil prices. Contributing to the improved trend were: a strong upturn in the yen against the dollar partly attributed to increased pessimism over the reduction in the US trade and budget deficits, the continued accommodative monetary stance by the Bank of Japan, and the favourable supply/demand situation.

Moreover, the equity market continued to gain ground in the face of growing anxieties over the escalating Recruit Cosmos scandal, with the NDI exceeding the 30,000 level for the first time.

Trading was enlivened by the relative strength of the Japanese economic fundamentals underscored by a robust 9.3 per cent year-on-year third quarter GNP growth rate particularly the startling 41.3 per cent surge in real exports, prospects for lower domestic interest rates, and favourable corporate earnings results.

The US treasury market failed to maintain its upward trend, with the long bond yielding 9.17 per cent, the highest level since Sept 2. Gloom returned to the market reflecting mounting pessimism over the ability of the new President to devise any solutions for the huge trade and budget deficits reinforced by his opposition to tax increases (undermined the dollar sharply against most major currencies), and continued strong economic growth particularly the overall strength in consumer spending which rose 3.9 per cent in the third quarter as well as the manufacturing sector that operated closer to full capacity at 84.2 per cent in November than any month in nine years (implied higher imports and provoked concern over the possible Fed credit tightening).

Participants were also unnerved by inflationary implications emanating from rising oil prices in the wake of recent OPEC accord to limit output in the first half of 1989 to 18.5 million barrels per day.

However, the stock market staged a modest rally with the DJIA trading above its post-October 1987 crash high set on Oct 21 of 2183.50, despite a half point hike in US prime lending rate to 10.5 per cent, the highest point in about 3 1/2 years.

**Prospects**  
Investors were inspired by prospects for improvement in the US budget deficit in light of the Soviet's disarmament proposal, renewed corporate takeover and restructuring activity, and surprisingly healthy corporate earnings results.

The West German bond market retreated sharply and encountered a steady downward drift in prices, struggling off a strengthening mark against the dollar amid an apparent discord between the US and West Germany on the dollar policy.

The turnaround in investors' sentiment reflected better than expected economic growth underlined by a 3.4 per cent GNP rate in the third quarter year-on-year coupled with persistent above-target growth in the key

money supply M3 (which heightened prospects for tighter monetary policy by the Bundesbank), increased inflationary threat posed by soaring oil prices and prospects of rising global interest rates spurred by signs of strong US economic growth.

**Underplayed**  
On the other hand, the stock market picked up steam to surge to the 1988 high of 553.59 on the FAZ index, although the downturn in the dollar kept international blue chips on the defensive.

Prices were underpinned by increased optimism over the domestic economy underscored by the cumulative trade surplus for the first ten months of the year to DM101.4 billion i.e. 8.2 per cent above the total for the same period of 1987, excellent corporate profits which soared well over 10 per cent in 1988, and the favourable tendency of the Wall Street.

The Dutch bond market eased back sharply, mirroring the losses suffered by the neighbouring German market. The decline was also powered by the planned postponement of a bond with holding tax in Germany until 1990, and a half point increase in the Dutch discount rate to 4.5 per cent (prompted expectations of further tightening in the Dutch monetary policy in light of strong

domestic economy).

The gilt-edged market had a lacklustre performance, despite the Bank of England's continued gilt purchases to offset the monetary impact of the public sector surplus. Selling was touched off by persistent buoyancy in consumer spending regarded as a critical ingredient of inflation pressure in the UK economy which was partly highlighted by the annual growth rate of 8 per cent in November sterling money supply M0.

Adding to the market's lethargy were lingering concerns over currency risks arising from the negative balance of payments, and the Central Bank's restrictive monetary policy combined with the resultant one per cent hike in the base lending rate to 13 per cent, the highest level since 1985.

**Weakness**  
Moreover, the stock market experienced further weakness despite several major takeover activities. The downswing was accelerated by the negative implications of the dollar's slide for UK export-oriented companies, prospects for higher domestic interest rates enhanced by renewed evidence of overheating in the economy which would temporarily halt the government's tax reducing plans, and a couple of rights issues.

**Foreign borrowing rejected**  
NICOSIA, Jan 23, (Reuters): An Iranian minister has urged his country to shun foreign borrowing because it would mean abandoning the Islamic revolution, the Iranian News Agency IRNA said today.

"We managed eight years of war without help from any foreign government," IRNA quoted Deputy Interior Minister Mohammad Sadr as saying on Saturday.

"Borrowing is tantamount to resumption of lies with the United States which means trampling upon our revolutionary principles. Should we kiss the revolution goodbye?"

Sadr told a seminar in Tehran that conditions attached to loans would force Iran to sacrifice its principles.

Differences have emerged in the Iranian leadership over such issues as foreign borrowings as the country prepares for reconstruction after eight years of war with Iraq.

## World Business Summary

### Britain wins appeal on Harrods takeover case

LONDON, Jan 23, (Reuters): Britain's Conservative government won an appeal yesterday against a high court order requiring it to refer to a monopolies watchdog body a 1985 takeover of the firm which owns London's chic department store Harrods. The Court of Appeal also allowed Trade Secretary Lord Young's appeal against a court declaration requiring him to reconsider his decision to defer publication of a controversial official report on the takeover pending a police probe. The decision was a victory for Young, whose lawyers had argued that the high court had set a risky precedent in questioning the procedure of making referrals to the state Monopolies and Mergers Commission. His lawyers also maintained that early publication of the report could prejudice court hearings. The ruling was a blow for minis-to-hotel conglomerate Lomro PLC, which had unsuccessfully bid for the House of Fraser Group which owns Harrods. The retail chain was bought instead by the three Egyptian-born Al Fayed Brothers. Lomro, owned by tycoon Roland "Tiny" Rowland, sought a referral of the takeover and alleged that the Fayed had lied about the scale and sources of their financial resources. But the Fayed, who have defamation actions pending against Lomro, said the latest court action is merely the "culmination of a four-year campaign of vilification" against them. Lomro expressed disappointment at yesterday's decision but said it would appeal to the House of Lords, Britain's highest legal body. That appeal was expected to be heard within about three weeks. The conglomerate originally bid for the firm and built a 29.9 per cent stake. Its offer was blocked by the Monopolies Commission and Lomro sold off its holding to the Fayed, who won control of House of Fraser in March, 1985.

### Turkish fuel prices expected to stabilise in liberal market

ISTANBUL, Jan 23, (Reuters): Turkish fuel prices are expected to stabilise when plans to liberalise the state-dominated fuel oil and petroleum market go into effect after some more than doubled last year. Turkish officials said last week private sector companies would be allowed to buy and sell on the domestic market at their own price levels. "Price adjustments will be a way of fine-tuning and there will be a very stable market unlike the government's sudden price hikes," said a senior industry source. The government last month increased consumer prices for petrol and petroleum products by up to 20 per cent — the seventh increase in 1988 as part of a campaign to curb its \$2.3 billion budget deficit. Petrol prices rose 101 per cent last year. The government is at present the sole authority setting prices for fuel oil, its importation and processing at state-run refineries. "Our system should be similar to Western ones," Mehmet Savran, chairman of the state-operated Tupras Petroleum Corporation told Reuters. "Liberalisation is due in the first half of 1989... we will continue to watch the sector," a senior energy official said. Turkey imports nearly 80 per cent of its fuel needs from Iran and Iraq and expects to pay around \$2.4 billion for the 21.9 million tonnes it plans to bring in during 1989.

### WHO approves budget

GENEVA, Jan 23, (Reuters): The World Health Organisation (WHO) has agreed to spend 13.5 US cents per year for every person in the world over the next two years to raise global health standards. A statement issued on Friday at the end of the WHO executive board meeting, accepted Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima's proposed budget of over \$653 million for the 1990-91 period, \$44 million up on 1988-89. Voluntary contributions made outside the regular budget — for which compulsory assessments are made — would provide approximately \$700 million of additional support to special WHO programmes around the world, the statement added. A spokesman for the Geneva-based UN organisation said the extra money would come from governments, as well as public and private institutions to support specific programmes, such as the fight against AIDS. WHO, founded in 1948, has 166 member nations and is engaged in a campaign to provide essential health care for the world's population by the year 2000.

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## Exports on the rise

## China's foreign trade grows despite economic disarray

BEIJING, Jan 23, (AP): China's foreign trade was up 16.6 per cent in 1988 despite economic disarray, sharp spending cuts and restrictions on some imports and exports, the Trade Ministry announced today.

Exports reached \$40.1 billion, up 15.5 per cent, while imports increased 17.7 per cent over 1987 to \$39.3 billion, said Liu Xiang-dong, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

The surplus of \$785 million on total trade of \$79.4 billion was the second in a row, following a surplus of \$1.3 billion in 1987, Liu said at a news conference.

**Complete**  
The ministry's figures, as is normally the case, differed substantially from those of the State Statistical Bureau, which last week said China had a deficit of \$7.7 billion on total trade of \$102.9 billion.

Foreign economists consider the Statistical Bureau's figures to be more complete and generally

look at them in assessing China's trade picture, said an economist at a Western embassy in Beijing.

The Trade Ministry does not include such items as the import of equipment for Sino-foreign joint ventures and donations from Chinese living abroad. It calculates only the value-added figure for processed exports. The Statistical Bureau, however, calculates the full value of both imported raw materials and processed exports.

Liu said that, through November, trade with the Hong Kong region was \$18.76 billion, up 33.9 per cent over the same 11 months in 1987. Trade with Japan hit \$12.66 billion, up 10.8 per cent; trade with the European Economic Community was \$8.57 billion, up 4.1 per cent and trade with the United States was \$7.14 billion, a growth of 27.7 per cent.

**Approved**  
He said 5,890 foreign-invested enterprises were newly approved in 1988 — 164 per cent more than in 1987. They included 410 wholly owned foreign enter-

prises, eight times the number for 1987.

Liu stressed that austerity measures taken in September to cut runaway spending on capital construction and reduce inflation didn't hurt foreign trade or investment.

He said the foreign loans executed amounted to \$3.62 billion in the second half of 1988, up from \$2.88 billion in the first half; the number of joint ventures approved and paid-up foreign investment also rose to the second half of the year.

**Products**  
He said trade in 1989 should continue to grow despite government moves to ban exports of some raw materials and farm products in short supply on the domestic market, and tough restrictions or tariffs on the import of some consumer goods.

"To export raw materials and agricultural products is not in conformity with a (developing) country like China," Liu said. "We will try to adjust the composition of export commodities

so there are more value-added products."

According to customs statistics, the proportion of manufactured goods among total exports increased from 66.4 per cent in 1987 to 69.1 per cent last year.

Liu also said the central government's reassertion of control over the issuing of export licences should restore order to the trading system.

He said local authorities given more direct power over transactions with foreign businessmen "sometimes issued export licences beyond their limits to obtain more foreign exchange."

He said the government, which last fall began a crackdown on companies and government agencies obtaining illegal profits from foreign trade, was striving to eliminate bribery and corruption in trade transactions.

But China is in a transition period as it adopts a new trading system, Liu said, and "we can't rule out the possibility there will be serious problems in the future."

## US to let five oil firms resume Libyan operations

WASHINGTON, Jan 23, (Reuters): The United States said yesterday it was modifying trade sanctions against Libya to allow five US oil companies to resume their Libyan operations or transfer them to foreign subsidiaries.

"The change will allow them to transfer operations to foreign subsidiaries or to operate their assets using third country nationals," State Department spokesman Charles Redman said at a news briefing.

**Sanctions**  
The five companies affected are Conoco, Marathon, Amerasia Hess, Occidental and W.R. Grace.

Under US sanctions imposed on Libya in 1986, these firms were issued special licences to negotiate "standstill agreements" with the Libyan government under which they would suspend their Libyan operations without being charged with default on their contracts.

The result, Redman said, was that drilling continued with Libya collecting its own share plus the profits that otherwise would have gone to the US companies.

"The decision... will eliminate the significant financial windfall which Libya has been receiving

by marketing the US oil companies' equity share of oil liftings," Redman said.

**Unaltered**  
"This decision does not represent a change of attitude of the US government toward Libya. Our view remains unaltered. Libya still supports terrorism and subversion."

US-Libyan tensions have mounted in recent weeks with Washington alleging that Tripoli has built a poison gas factory.

Two US F-14 warplanes shot down two Libyan MiG-23s over the Mediterranean on Jan 4. Washington said the Libyan planes were threatening the US jets.

The decision on the five oil companies was announced on the last full day of the Reagan administration, leading to speculation that the timing was intended to avoid forcing the incoming administration of President Bush to make a decision that could cause embarrassment by appearing to ease sanctions on Libya.

Redman insisted the decision did not in any way ease US pressure on Khaddafi but simply prevented Libya from making a profit at the expense of the American firms.



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FT 500 SHR	0	1074.4	1074.4	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	988.99	988.99	985.45	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.35	88.15	88.08	87.03
FT GOLD MN	169.0	164.3	163.0	161.9
FT MINES F	613.18	613.18	613.03	565.31
FT OIL	1866.7	1866.7	1840.9	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	141.86	141.07	141.91	139.21
FT MLD STG	118.92	119.45	119.88	115.20
FT MLD LOC	127.31	127.58	127.79	123.40

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS EASE SHARPLY AFTER WALL ST TURNS LOWER

LONDON, JAN 23, REUTER - SHARES EASED SHARPLY FROM THEIR HIGHS IN LATE TRADING AFTER AN EARLY SURGE ON WALL STREET RAN OUT OF STEAM AND THE MARKET THERE TURNED LOWER.

"MARKET MAKERS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT SHORT OF STOCK BY THE RECENT RALLY ARE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MARK PRICES LOWER SO THEY CAN PAD OUT THEIR OWN POSITIONS," ONE DEALER SAID. "THE BEARS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN GIVEN A ROASTING BY THE UNEXPECTED NEW YEAR RALLY," HE ADDED.

BY 1621 GMT THE FTSE-100 WAS UP JUST 4.2 POINTS AT 1,921.7 AFTER TOUCHING A HIGH OF 1,938.6 AT 1336 GMT.

TRADERS SAID THIS YEAR'S RALLY OF OVER 125 POINTS ON THE FTSE 100 INDEX HAS COME BASICALLY ON THE BACK OF SPECULATION THAT U.K. INTEREST RATES WILL NOT RISE FROM THEIR CURRENT 13 PCT LEVEL. HOWEVER, SOME WARNED THAT SUCH HOPES MAY BE PREMATURE.

"I KNOW THAT RECENT (U.K.) ECONOMIC NUMBERS HAVE SHOWN A SLOWDOWN IN THE ECONOMY BUT I PERSONALLY THINK THERE IS MORE BAD NEWS TO COME...FRIDAY'S (U.K.) TRADE FIGURES MAY WELL BE A WATERSHED," ONE CHIEF EQUITY TRADER SPECULATED.

HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE CURRENT EQUITY RALLY AS "SHORT SIGHTED" AND SAID THE FTSE 100 COULD EASE BACK TO BETWEEN 1,800 AND 1,850 IF FRIDAY'S FIGURES DISAPPOINTED THE MARKET.

Precious Metals

LONDON, JAN 23, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED STEADY AFTER TRADING QUIETLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, FINISHING AT 407.50/408.00 DLR AN OUNCE LITTLE CHANGED FROM ITS OPENING BUT AROUND FOUR DLR UP FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSE.

DEALERS SAID BULLION, LACKING ANY MAJOR INFLUENCES, REMAINED SUPPORTED BY A SMALL FOLLOW-THROUGH FROM THE SILVER-LED RALLY ON FRIDAY.

PLATINUM, AFTER OPENING HIGHER FOLLOWING NEW YORK, FAILED TO GAIN MOMENTUM AND TRADED IN A TIGHT FOUR DLR RANGE TO CLOSE AT 542.00/544.00 DLR AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH THE OPENING OF 540.25/541.25 AND AGAINST FRIDAY'S 533.00/534.50 CLOSE.

London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 23, REUTER - BRITISH MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CLOSED 1/16 TO 1/8 POINT EASIER AFTER A REASONABLY ACTIVE DAY IN A FAIRLY BULLISH MARKET, DEALERS SAID.

THE EASIER TONE REFLECTED GROWING MARKET OPTIMISM THAT BASE RATES HAVE PEAKED AT 13 PCT, AND THAT THEY WOULD SOON START A SLOW DESCENT.

DEALERS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT RATES' NEAR TERM DIRECTION WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON DOMESTIC BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER, TO BE RELEASED AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

"IT LOOKS LIKE THE MARKET IS TRYING TO GEAR ITSELF FOR LOWER BASE RATES," ONE DEALER SAID.

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DMK 1.8429/8509	11.110/128	340.240/880		FIX
FFR 6.280/292	2.7668/7702	84.70/80	27.87/90	1300
SFR 1.3645/3655	3.6875	112.89	33.145	FIX
HFL 2.0840	6.38647	2.08589	7.10341	CLSE
ECU 1.2977	0.746044	2.44571	8.36064	CLSE
SDR 1.30983	226.76/227.07			
YEN 128.1/128.3	19/01/1989	OTHERS	23/01/1989	

LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	780.0	779.0
600 GROUP	114.0	114.0
A.AMER TS	385.4	386.0
A.B.ELECT	384.0	386.0
A.S.W.HLD	207.0	207.0
AAB KENT	90.0	91.0
AHL HLD	299.0	287.0
AARONSON	116.0	116.0
ADDISON	32.0	31.0
ADVEST	156.0	161.0
ALEX WIKH	162.0	160.0
ALEXANDER	322.0	320.0
ALLIANCE	889.0	889.0
ALL COL	126.0	126.0
ALL IR B	253.0	253.0
ALL LON	129.0	130.0
ALL PLNT	64.0	64.0
ALLIANCE	889.0	889.0
AMER DAY	41.0	40.0
AMEC	349.0	339.0
AMER TST	132.0	132.0
AMERSHAM	516.0	515.0
AMH HLTC	260.0	260.0
ANGLIA TV	217.0	211.0
ANSBACHER	79.0	78.0
APPLEYARD	412.0	412.0
APV PLC	130.0	130.0
ASHLEY LA	105.0	99.0
AUS REE A	218.0	217.0
AUST REED	373.0	375.0
AUTO SECS	253.0	258.0
AVDEL PLC	99.4	99.0
AVESCO	118.0	116.0
AVIS EUR	339.0	339.0
AVON RUBB	615.0	615.0
B.WEMILL	213.0	208.0
BAILL JAP	511.0	511.0
BAILL SHI	86.0	86.0
BALFOUR	238.0	239.0
BANK IRE	277.0	248.0
BANKER IT	77.0	77.0
BARON GP	153.0	153.0
BARRIT DEV	177.0	181.0
BAYNES C	27.0	27.0
BBA GROUP	160.0	162.0
BEAR B.MT	1.06	1.04
BEATTIE J	153.0	151.0
BEJAN J	179.0	179.0
BELHAVEN	48.0	49.0
BELLWAY	227.0	228.0
BENROSE	220.0	221.0
BERKELEY	66.0	66.0
BIRKBEY	202.0	202.0
BIRN GROUP	94.0	92.0
BLK OF SC	95.0	93.0
BLK LK 2	11.4	10.0
BONNIE F	102.0	99.0
BOSSAGE MS	211.0	213.0
BODDINGTON	165.0	163.0
BODY SHOP	519.0	508.0
BOOKER	405.0	397.0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	296.5	295.5	292.9	290.3
AUSTRIA	243.2	241.3	240.2	238.8
BELGIUM	446.0	444.8	444.1	435.0
CANADA	388.5	387.2	384.3	367.1
DENMARK	541.3	544.4	542.0	518.9
FRANCE	464.1	463.8	461.0	442.7
GERMANY	208.7	210.8	208.2	207.9
HONG KONG	2169.0	2182.4	2182.6	2029.6
FINLAND	119.0	117.8	117.8	118.1
ITALY	480.5	480.1	481.1	462.4
JAPAN	1458.1	1464.6	1477.6	1420.5
NETHERLANDS	283.7	282.7	279.5	267.5
NEW ZEAL	91.7	92.0	91.0	86.6
NORWAY	662.5	661.5	648.1	576.8
SPAIN	247.0	249.0	248.2	242.0
SWEDEN	1128.7	1127.5	1115.7	1074.4
SWITZ	176.2	176.7	177.1	172.9
U.K.	582.2	580.5	575.0	566.1
U.S.A.	263.9	264.3	264.2	256.1
WORLD	502.3	500.7	505.1	494.4
E.A.F.E.	967.1	962.3	975.3	959.4

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DIAMOND SH	17/1	16/7
DISEM	39/4	39/7
DOW CORP	69/1	68/5
DOW CORP	29/3	29/3
DOW CORP	91/3	90/7
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70	CHAMP INTL	31/6	31/6	LOTTITE CP	33/2	33/5
70	CHAMP SPA	0	1/2	LOUIS CORP	79/2	79/2
70	CHARTER CO	4/2	4/3	LONG-STAR	0	0
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## Gold prices up

## Central banks act to drive dollar down

LONDON, Jan 23. (Reuters): Nine central banks launched a new wave of open market dollar sales today, driving down the value of the US currency.

Dealers said the banks appeared determined to stamp on any rebound by the dollar after they had hit it particularly hard last week by dumping up to \$2 billion on the market to stop a disruptive New Year rally.

Speculators want dollars because of the good return offered by relatively high US interest rates. But a strong dollar puts up import bills around the globe, threatening more inflation.

The banks last week pushed the dollar off 3-1/2 month highs above 1.87 West German marks and it ended on Friday at 1.8430. They hit again today when new buying caused it to edge up to around 1.85 and it retreated to just under 1.84.

Dealers said the banks of the United States, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada, Austria, Belgium and Spain took part in the new offensive.

## Price

The gold price was set \$2.45 from Friday when set for this afternoon in a quiet London bullion market at \$407.45 an ounce. The benchmark US treasury 30-year bond in London traded at 101.08/32 per cent, yield-

ing 8.88 per cent.

Wall Street late in the evening recovered some of the early losses and the Dow Jones industrial average was down just 1.07 at 2,234.29 at the New York midday.

Today's currency market intervention began in the United States when the Federal Reserve sold at around 1.8480 marks. The dollar later closed in London at 1.8380 marks after Friday's 1.8430 and at 127.75 yen after 128.33.

**Intervention**  
It was the fourth successive trading day of intervention. European dealers thought the Bundesbank, at least may have sold only a small amount of dollars this time.

"I do not believe that they sold very much. Possibly 20 million," a Frankfurt dealer said. But the sales ambushed the dollar just as dealers thought the banks had given up for a bit.

In London shares eased sharply from their highs in late trading after an early surge on Wall Street ran out of steam and the market there turned lower.

"Market-makers who have been caught short of stock by the recent rally are only too happy to have the opportunity to mark prices lower so they can pad out their own positions," one dealer said. "The bears have certainly

been given a roasting by the unexpected New Year rally," he added.

By 1621 GMT the FTSE 100 was up just 4.2 points at 1,921.7 after touching a high of 1,938.6 at 1336 GMT.

**Rally**  
Traders said this year's rally of over 125 points on the FTSE 100 index has come basically on the back of speculation that UK interest rates will not rise from their current 13 per cent level. However, some warned that such hopes may be premature.

"I know that recent (UK) economic numbers have shown a slowdown in the economy but I personally think there is more bad news to come ... Friday's (UK) trade figures may well be a watershed," one chief equity trader speculated.

He went on to describe the current equity rally as "short sighted" and said the FTSE 100 could ease back to between 1,800 and 1,850 if Friday's figures disappoint the market.

Turnover at 1600 GMT was 593 million shares with British Steel again heading the activities as institutional investors continued to find the stock attractive because of its high yield. Its shares were up 1p to 70p with over 63 million traded.

Other blue chip institutional favourites including British Gas,

lp higher at 170 on volume of 11.6 million and Hanson, 2p firmer at 165 on volume of 17 million.

Motor components group Lucas stood out with a 15p rise to 586 amid market talk Fiat of Italy was considering a bid. But analysts pointed out that Fiat was the latest in a long series of rumoured bidders.

**Lost**  
Electronics group STC lost 6p to 295 after Italian company Olivetti denied press reports it was in talks with STC about buying STC's computer processing unit. STC shares rose strongly in the latter part of last week on rumours it was to sell part of its ICL division.

Building stocks were firm as operators switched out of Wimpey, down 19p to 282 on fading speculative support, with RMC up 14p to 552 and Redland 10p higher at 462. Traders noted, however, that despite some recent overseas demand for builders, the thin market in Redland and RMC shares have exaggerated their gains.

**Higher**  
Reuters ended a net 13p higher at 614 against the background of continuing demand for its ADR's in the US but traders again cited stock shortage as the reason of much of the gain. Rank

Organisation added 2p to 768 while Lonrho lost the same amount to 343, both ahead of annual figures later this week.

Consolidated Goldfields shed a net 9p to 1,285 with the market awaiting the outcome of the Monopolies Commission inquiry into the hostile but lapsed bid by Minorco.

Oils were lower as the spot crude price again dropped below the \$17.50 a barrel level with Lasmo down 10p to 474 and recent speculative favourite Ultramar 1p lower at 313.

**Contract**  
British Aerospace ended 2p higher at 485, helped by news a consortium which it is heading won a UK government contract to build a data centre to process information from Satellites.

Unigate shed 9p to 355. It sold part of its milk business to Dairy Crest for £152 million. Thomson L-Line added 2p to 96p after Hanson said it had over five per cent of Thomson shares. Ladbroke, 9p up at 470, is bidding £135 million for Thomson.

Among smaller companies, British Island Airways slumped 25p to 113p after the company said talks with a potential bidder had been called off.

The FTSE 100 ended 7.2 up at 1,924.7, 649 million shares traded.

## EEC to consider retaliatory measures in US trade dispute

BRUSSELS, Jan 23. (AP): European foreign ministers met today to decide whether to impose hefty duties on some US imports that would escalate a trade dispute over a ban on hormone-treated meat from America.

The issue under discussion by the foreign ministers of the 12 nations of the European Economic Community has threatened to become a trans-Atlantic trade war.

The community decided to ban US meat from cattle treated with growth hormones effective Jan 1. The United States retaliated by slapping higher tariffs on a variety of products from the common market trading bloc. Those also took effect Jan 1.

Earlier this month, representatives of the European nations agreed on a series of counter-measures that would boost duties on US imports of dried fruit and walnuts. The European Commission, the trading group's executive body, was to ask foreign ministers for permission to impose the retaliatory tariffs as soon as possible.

**Conflict**  
But officials said on Friday the ministers would likely put off setting a date so that the new administration of US President George Bush could have a chance to try to resolve the conflict with the common market.

One official said on condition

of not being identified that a number of countries want to "see if there's still a possibility of getting the new administration moving."

The ministers also may decide to await the results of a Feb 8 meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The EEC intends to ask the 96-nation GATT to declare the US retaliatory duties in violation of the international body's rules.

In addition, community officials were said to be encouraged by reports that some small US meat firms were willing to ship untreated beef to Europe.

**Duties**  
Officials said the ministers may decide to wait until February or March before deciding on the proposed higher duties.

A delay would help defuse tensions surrounding the conflict, touched off by the common market decision to ban for health reasons meat from animals treated with growth hormones. US officials argue the use of certain hormones to fatten animals, a common practice among American farmers, does not pose a health risk.

The United States has urged the Europeans to let GATT's committee on technical barriers to trade, also known as the Standards Code Committee, decide the issue on scientific grounds.

The EEC has insisted that GATT should consider only

whether the community has the right to impose such a ban to protect the health of its consumers. But there was some indication the EEC was easing its stand.

Franz Andriessen, the EEC's top trading official, told the European Parliament, the community's legislative body, last week that scientific factors could be considered.

"One doesn't need to exclude the scientific judgement in the total framework of this problem," he said.

Nico Wegter, spokesman for Andriessen, denied the remarks marked a change, but others viewed the comments as a weakening of the European position.

The meat ban originally was set to go into effect on Jan 1, 1989, but the trading bloc agreed to a one-year delay. It refused additional US appeals for a postponement.

The prohibition was expected to block the importation of about \$100 million worth of beef and beef byproducts from the United States.

In retaliation, the United States imposed 100 per cent duties on boneless beef, pork hams and shoulders and a variety of other European products. The sanctions were worth about \$100 million.

Both sides agreed to allow a grace period until the end of January for sanctioned products to enter their borders.

## Bid to curb output and buoy prices

## OPEC, other oil producers to renew dialogue

LONDON, Jan 23. (Reuters): OPEC and eight oil producing nations which do not belong to the group will renew a dialogue this week on co-operation to curb output and buoy energy prices.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has for some time urged the group of getting other sellers to help it curb production so as to be able to charge more for oil.

**Reconcile**  
London talks on Thursday at official level will renew a process which was broken off in April. The officials will seek a basis for a joint ministers' meeting and also generate ideas for an accord, OPEC sources said.

"One goal is to prepare the path for an OPEC and non-OPEC ministers' meeting and maybe shape an embryo

agreement," an OPEC official said.

"The main idea is to try to arrive at a common view of the market and try to reconcile people's positions on how they see the market developing in terms of demand, supply and prices."

Experts from six OPEC countries — Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Kuwait and Venezuela — will meet in Vienna tomorrow to co-ordinate the OPEC positions.

A similar gathering of experts from eight non-OPEC countries — Angola, Brunei, China, Colombia, Egypt, Mexico, Malaysia and North Yemen — will be held in London on Wednesday to be followed on Thursday by a meeting of both groups.

Representatives from the US states of Texas and Alaska and a Soviet observer will attend the

talks.

But Britain and Norway, the North Sea producers, have said they will not. Britain says market forces must set the price of oil. But Nigerian sources said at the weekend that Britain and Norway were almost certainly in contact with participants.

Last April, non-OPEC countries offered to cut their exports by five per cent to help end the world oil glut, provided OPEC also cut excess supply.

**Introduced**  
OPEC divisions, largely stemming from the Iran-Iraq war, made that impossible then, but on Jan 1 the group finally introduced new output quotas cutting back by about 15 per cent.

A cut by non-OPEC sellers might now depend "on how you see the market," an OPEC source

said. "The first thing to do is to check both parties' view of the market situation."

But the official added: "OPEC will try to avoid turning the meeting into a bargaining session. They won't say, what can you offer? It will be more ... an attempt to find common ground."

OPEC output has fallen from almost 23 million barrels daily in December to 19 to 19.5 million, industry sources say.

**Removed**  
The restraint together with good demand, particularly in Asia, and a fall in British output caused by accidents in the North Sea has driven spot market prices higher.

North Sea crude rose above \$18 last week, its best for a year, after dipping under \$12 last autumn.

The stronger market may have removed some urgency for joint action on output, although some experts feel that prices could weaken if nothing results from the coming meetings.

Mehdi Vazir, an oil analyst with London-based Kleinwort Greaves, said: "If nothing is proposed it might dent the market's positive feeling ... the experts have got to come up with a signal to pave the way for a further meeting."

The eight non-OPEC countries whose representatives will be in London produce about 8.3 million barrels of oil daily. Mexico is the fourth biggest exporter.

Oil prices dropped today. New York traders took profits from the recent rally and US oil for delivery in March slid 64 cents to \$17.75 a barrel. North Sea prices eased to just under \$16.50.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 23. (Reuters): Overseas buying of leading mining stocks boosted the market amid uncertainty over the collapse of Equicorp International. The All Ordinaries index closed up 5.1 at the day's high of 1,523.0.

**TOKYO:** Prices closed higher on bargain-hunting and news of a stronger yen and lower oil prices. The Nikkei index rose 162.50 to 31,332.88.

**HONG KONG:** Stocks closed steady after overseas buyers reversed earlier losses. The Hang Seng index fell 0.38 to 2,897.53.

**SINGAPORE:** Prices closed mixed after profit-taking pared early gains in fairly active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 0.69 to 1,096.00 as falls led gains by about 94 to 73.

**BOMBAY:** Prices fell on a broad front in the aftermath of a humiliating defeat suffered by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in Tamil Nadu state elections.

**FRANKFURT:** Prices regained some ground in patchy trading after early losses with blue chips leading the declines. The 30-share Real Time Dax index lost 4.92 to 1,319.21.

**ZURICH:** Prices were steady on low volume trading and dealers said interest rate concerns no longer had much negative impact. The All-Share Swiss index rose 0.8 to 962.1.

## World Bank assesses projects in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan 23. (Reuters): A World Bank delegation started talks in Turkey yesterday to assess the bank's \$1.1 billion lending programme for 1989, Treasury officials said.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which is sending a team in February, are both worried about Turkey's 75 per cent inflation, bankers say.

## Creditor

Loans planned for this year include \$300 million for agricultural adjustment, \$400 million for a restructuring of state banks and \$400 million for the transport sector, bankers say.

"Turkey is the World Bank's biggest single creditor," said one senior Istanbul banker. "What we are seeing is basically a recycling of the existing loans."

## Current crude prices are satisfactory: Perez

## Gulf countries to keep oil market stable

BAGHDAD, Jan 23. (AP): Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez said on Thursday the Gulf countries were determined to defend oil prices and keep stability in the market.

Perez told reporters at the end of a 24-hour visit to Baghdad that he found President Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi officials "in full agreement" with his views on "oil and OPEC issues."

Perez arrived in Baghdad from Tehran on a swing through the Gulf oil-producing nations aimed at boosting solidarity within the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. "I am more optimistic now

than when I left Venezuela that the OPEC countries are more united to maintain stability of oil prices," he said.

Perez said he believes that non-OPEC oil-producers are now ready to join organisation member-nations in defending oil prices and maintaining stability in the market.

"Now all of us, OPEC and non-OPEC producers, are willing to defend prices that are satisfactory to producers and not excessive to consumers," he said.

Perez added that he considers current oil prices are "satisfactory" for both producers and

consumers.

Crude oil prices surged past the \$19 a barrel mark on Wednesday to reach a 14-month high. Analysts said the rally was based on confidence that OPEC will abide by its pact to cut production from Jan 1.

The organisation agreed last November to slash daily output to 18.5 million barrels a day to prop up sagging prices. Prices have risen steadily over the past two weeks amid signs that OPEC members are sticking to the accord.

Perez said that Gulf leaders were agreed on holding an OPEC

## Saudis take new step in restructuring oil industry

ABU DHABI, Jan 23. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has taken a new step in restructuring its oil industry by establishing a local refining and marketing company, but the organisation's details are still vague, oil industry sources in the Gulf said.

Oil Minister Hisham Nazer announced the establishment of the Saudi Arabian Refining and Marketing Company (SAMARC) last week to take over all refinery and marketing activities from state agency Petromin.

Oil industry sources said Petromin will remain as a holding company to oversee oil and mineral operations.

## Operations

"The announcement (on SAMARC) has been made, but it will take a while for the company to be operational," an oil analyst in the Gulf said. "The details are still lacking."

Gulf oil sources said the new company might start functioning early this summer.

Saudi Arabia is the world's

biggest oil exporter with an OPEC production quota of 4.524 million barrels per day. After a price crash in 1986 it set out to cut costs an integrate operations from the oil fields to petrol stations in consumer states.

## Traders

In November, it established the Saudi Arabian Oil Company to take over the management of its oil fields from Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and set up a joint venture with Texaco to refine

and sell oil products in 23 American states.

Gulf-based oil traders said the new company could be based in Jeddah, rather than in Riyadh, where the General Petroleum and Minerals Organisation of Saudi Arabia (Petromin) is located.

Sources said Petromin will relinquish all domestic refineries and its share in two joint venture refineries in Jeddah and Jubail to SAMARC, which will also take over local and international trading of refined products.

## We are upset by the American Express application, says banker

## Banking proposal outrages Canadian financial industry

OTTAWA, Jan 23. (UPI): With the approval of the conservative government, the world's largest financial services empire is attempting to slip quietly in the back door of the Canadian banking establishment.

American Express Travel Related Services Inc. of New York has applied for a banking licence to do business in Canada by as early as April. The licence would allow American Express Bank Canada to operate like any other domestic or foreign bank, taking consumer deposits and making loans.

## Outraged

Canadian bankers, however, contend that American Express, because of its wide array of financial services, could gain an advantage in the Canadian market.

The move by American Express has outraged Canada's

domestic banks, which operate under rules that prohibit commercial ownership of financial institutions.

"As an industry we are very upset by the American Express application," a Canadian banker said.

Executives of Canada's chartered banks contend American Express is a commercial company that runs a worldwide credit operations, sells traveller's checks, travel services, leases automobiles and offers special merchandise for sale to card members and as such has no business in the Canadian financial industry.

If American Express is successful in its quest for a bank licence, it would mark the first time the Canadian government has granted a licence to the subsidiary of a parent company that is not a fully regulated bank in its own country.

Bankers and financial industry analysts said the granting of a bank licence appears to smack of political favouritism by the conservative government that will give the American conglomerate an unfair advantage in the tightly regulated Canadian market.

"For the last century, the Canadian government has been saying it wants to separate commercial from financial operations. Here we have American Express in a commercial business being allowed to set up a chartered bank," said a Toronto-based banking analyst who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Granted

According to the analyst, American Express is being granted a licence as a political favour. He said the company's US chairman, James D. Robinson III, a personal friend of Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney,

headed up a prestigious business group in the United States to lobby support for the US-Canada free trade agreement.

"The two generals got together and agreed to rub each other's backs. It looks suspiciously like a deal was done," the analyst said.

American Express executives have denied that any deals were struck to gain approval of the company's application for a foreign banking licence.

## Application

American Express first considered setting up a bank in Canada two-and-a-half years ago, about the time Canada and the United States launched the free trade negotiations.

The reason American Express went to the trouble of setting up the numbered company, financial analysts suggested, was to deflect public attention from its

## Oil discovery

LIMA, Peru, Jan 23. (AP): Peruvian President Alan Garcia has confirmed a major oil discovery in his country's jungles.

The oil deposits, estimated at 600 million barrels, were discovered by Occidental Petroleum in a jungle region called La Colpa in Ucayali, 355 miles (575 kilometres) northeast of Lima, Garcia said at a news conference on Friday, according to the official gazette El Peruano.

Occidental began its exploration in the region two months ago, Garcia was quoted as saying. He did not say when Occidental will begin to pump the oil.

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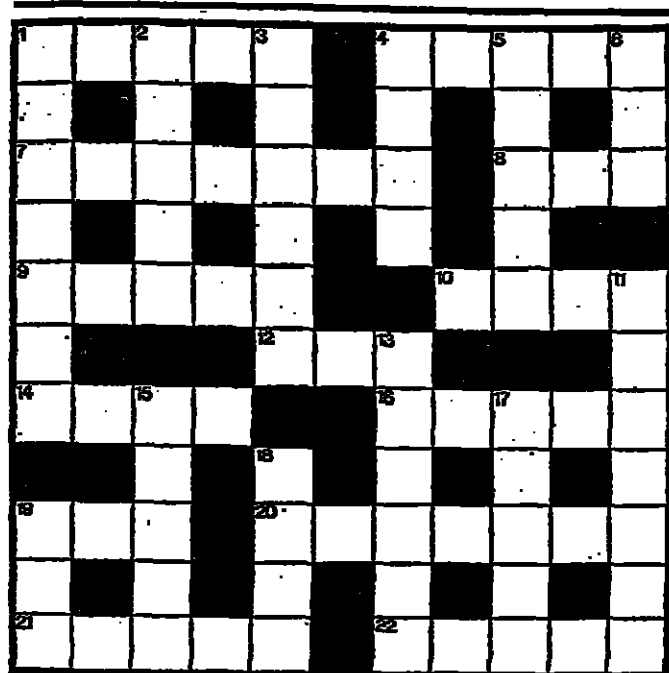
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Across

- 1 Egyptian water-lily (5)
- 4 Humped beast of burden (5)
- 7 Recount sins to a priest (7)
- 8 Globe of a royal regalia (3)
- 9 Up to the time of (5)
- 10 Belonging to a female (4)
- 12 Word of consent (3)
- 14 Move by turning over (4)
- 16 It's made partly of wood-pulp (5)
- 19 Rounded mass of hair (3)
- 20 Lowest rank in the army (7)
- 21 The colour of most vegetation (5)
- 22 An outward symbol (5)

Down

- 1 Paint used for varnishing (7)
- 2 Firmly held belief (5)
- 3 Of a respectable character (6)
- 4 Small wine-barrel (4)
- 5 American elk (5)
- 6 Propel upwards in a high arc (3)
- 11 He performs cutting operations (7)
- 13 Short-distance race (6)
- 15 Sudden, clumsy thrust (5)
- 17 Long, thick piece of wood (5)
- 18 To make an aperture (4)
- 19 Receptacle for shopping (3)

Solution on Thursday

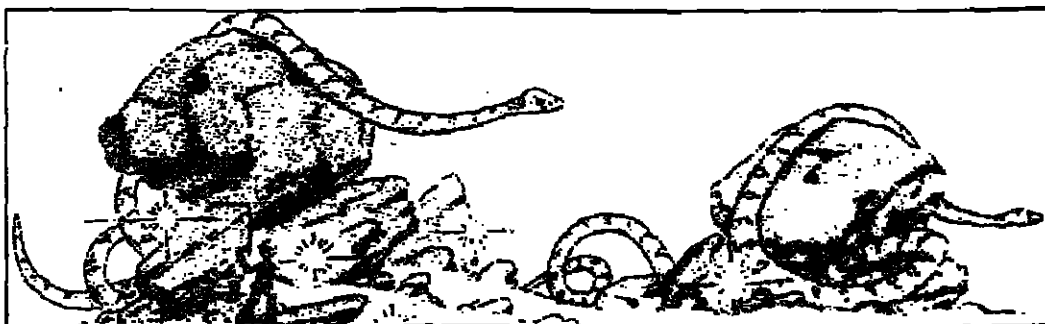
"ALTHOUGH I had made up my mind to live quietly at home on the money gained by my first voyage," said Sindbad, when he and his poor guest were once more seated together, "I soon tired of doing nothing, and having bought a large number of useful articles, once more set out to sell them to the people who lived on the various islands."

"The ship carried us safely to several places where I sold my own goods and bought others; but one day we reached what seemed to be a desert island. No living creature was to be seen, yet there were fruit-trees and flowers, and meadows, and running streams, all of which looked so tempting, that we felt obliged to land, if only to walk a little in the pleasant-looking fields."

"Having no wish to wander about with the rest, I took some food and drink, found a nice, shady spot beside a stream, ate a good meal, and then fell fast asleep, wakening only when the others had returned to the vessel, and sailed away without me."

"I blamed myself over and over again for my stupidity, but, as this was not likely to help me much, I climbed a high tree in order to get a good view of the island. Far away in the distance I saw something white, and to this I went

# The second voyage of Sindbad



with all speed.

"It was a curious thing, very large, very smooth, and rounded like a dome. While I stood wondering what it could be, all around grew dark. It was late in the day, and the sun would set in a little while, but the sky seemed to be hidden all at once by a thick cloud."

"To my surprise this was not so, but the cloud was really a huge bird, bigger than I had ever dreamed a bird could be. I thought it must be the wonderful roc of which I had heard the sailors talk, and the great white dome must be its egg."

"Thinking it likely the bird was coming to sit on her egg, I crept under it, and, as soon as she was settled, tied myself firmly to one of her big, strong legs."

"Thus I lay until the morning, when the bird, rising high, carried me so swiftly through the air that I became dizzy, and lost my senses. On coming to

myself some time later I was lying on the ground, but still tied to the leg of the huge bird."

"Not wishing to go through such a terrible journey again, I made haste to get free from the bird's leg, and it was well I did so, for almost the next moment she seized a huge snake in her bill and flew away."

"I could not tell where she had carried me. All around were mountains so high that they seemed to touch the sky, and so steep that no one could climb them. I was no better off here than on the island. Suddenly I forgot my trouble for a time, for, looking at the ground, I found it was covered with diamonds, big shining diamonds."

"But, alas, there were other things besides, things that filled my heart with fear, and made me wish more than ever to find some way out of the lonely

valley. These were snakes, so large that they could swallow an elephant quite easily."

"As the day grew brighter, however, they hid away in their homes, for fear, I suppose, of the roc, but when they came out again in large numbers. Feeling it would be dreadful to spend the dark night in terror in case I should be swallowed by one of the great creatures, I looked about for some place in which to take shelter till the day dawned."

"At length I found a cave, the entrance to which was so small that I could block it with a large stone. Though now feeling safer I could still not sleep; the hissing of the snakes outside was too frightening."

"As soon as it was light I left the cave, and walked a short distance through the valley, feeling far too

miserable to touch the diamonds under my feet. The food I had brought from the ship kept me from starving, but I was so weary that at last I felt obliged to lie down and sleep."

"Hardly had I begun to doze, however, when I was startled by something heavy falling near me. Opening my eyes quickly I saw a large piece of raw meat lying at my feet. Another piece fell, and another, and several more, and as they fell heavily upon the diamonds, the lovely stones stuck firmly into the meat."

"This made me think again of the sailors' stories, and I knew that the meat was being thrown into the valley by men on the mountains, in the hope that it would be fetched back by the eagles to feed their young ones, when the diamonds could be taken from their nests."

"Now I thought I could see a way of escape by tying a piece of meat firmly to my back, and waiting till an eagle carried me up out of the dreadful valley. This I did, but not until I had first filled my bag with the precious stones."

"I had not long to wait. One of a number of eagles picked me up bore me to his nest on the top of the

mountains, where I was found by a merchant who had frightened the eagle away. At first he looked at me in surprise, and then said I had no right to steal his diamonds."

"If you will listen to me," I said gently "you will find I am no thief, though having enough diamonds to make both myself and you rich for life. I got them from the valley, and chose the very best to be found."

"The other merchants now crowded round, and all showed great surprise at my story. They wondered much at the trick I had played, but they wondered still more when I showed them the stones."

"Though I begged him to take several, the merchant who had found me would take only the smallest of them, which he said was a good fortune in itself. They agreed to let me spend that night in their camp, which I did, and was then taken to the merchant's house, where I told my strange story again to his wife and children."

"In the course of time I once more reached my home, and settled down to a life of ease, and made glad the hearts of my poor neighbours, by sharing my riches with them."

This being the end of Sindbad's second story, he gave Hindbad another purse of money, and asked him to return the next day.

## Birthday greetings



Satam Al Jarallah celebrated his fifth birthday on 18.1.89. Many happy returns from his family and friends.



Omar Ismail (pictured above at age 7) celebrated his 14th birthday on Jan 21st, '89. Best wishes from Seher, Amal, Suleyman and Waqar.



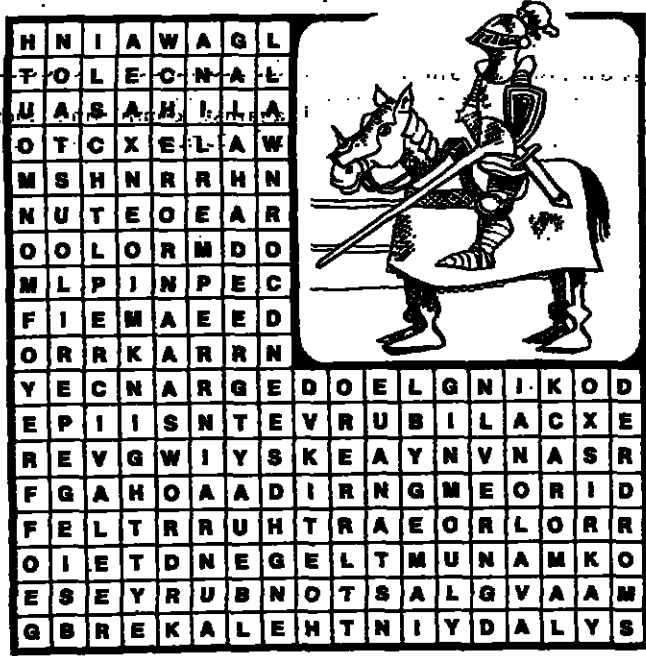
Virginia Bernadette Pereira celebrated her 6th birthday on Jan 20, '89. Many happy returns from your Dad, Mum and sister Violet.

ANSWERS

- MATCH THEM — 1-D; 2-C; 3-E; 4-F; 5-A; 6-B
- PAINTING PROBLEM — It takes two days for one artist to finish one painting.

## 33 ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS

ARMY	GEORGE OF MONMOUTH	MARK
ARTIST	GLASTONBURY	MELBY
AVALON	GRAL	MORDELL
BEYAZED	GUNNEVERE	PERCIVALE
CHURCH	HERO	SERGE PERLOUS
DEMON CAT	KING LEONORANCE	THE LAY
EXCALIBUR	KNIGHT	STONE
GALAHAD	LADY IN THE LAKE	SWOORD
GAWAIN	LANCIBACK	TESTIMAN
	LANCIBLOT	UTHER PENDRAGON
	LEGEND	

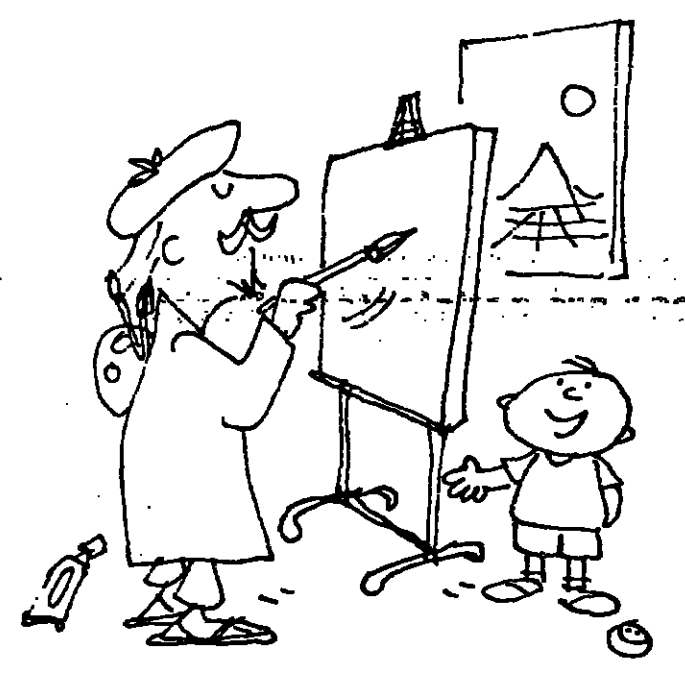


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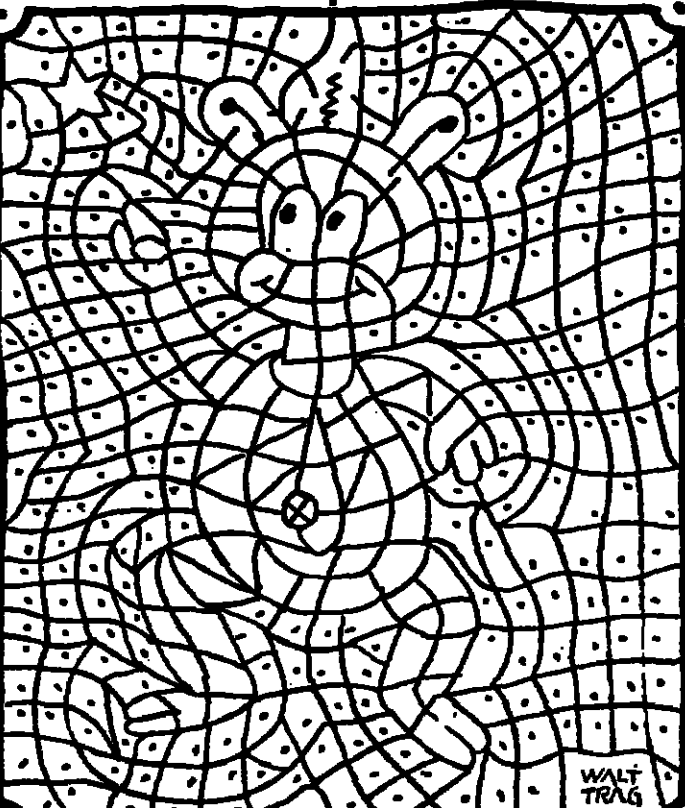
**MATCH THEM** — Dinar is the basic monetary unit in Kuwait. Match the other monetary units with the right countries.

- 1. YEN A. GREECE
- 2. ROUBLE B. FRANCE
- 3. RUPEE C. USSR
- 4. GUILDER D. JAPAN
- 5. DRACHMA E. INDIA
- 6. FRANC F. HOLLAND

**PAINTING PROBLEM.** If two artists finish two paintings in two days, how long does it take one artist to finish one painting?



## Fill-in puzzle



With a pencil, fill in each space with a dot in it.

## The seal that came back from the cold



Michelle returns to her landlady.

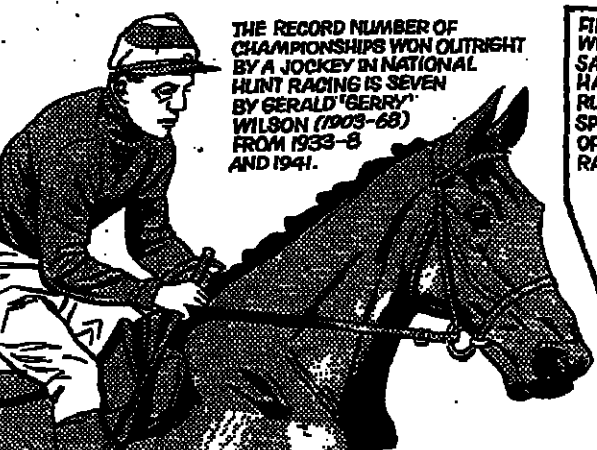
THE freezing waters of the North Sea are no place for anyone when there is a welcoming tavern on the horizon. So it was with a young seal which has made an emotional return worthy of any Walt Disney wildlife film to the tavern landlady who rescued her. Jan Morgan, who runs a seal sanctuary in the garden of her Shetland pub, took pity on the pup after she was found trapped in nets at a fish farm. She took her in, called her Michelle, fed her fish and the youngster soon became a popular regular at The Booth, overlooking the seafront at Hills-wick. A day after Christmas Jan returned Michelle to the rough winter seas after an 11-week stay. But a fortnight later, the landlady heard mournful cries and saw Michelle flapping her way up the steps of the pub. "I couldn't believe it," said Jan, 41. "She obviously thought she'd come home. She'd lost 20lb."

Michelle fell asleep after a good meal. Once more, she is being nursed back to health until she is well enough to return to the sea.

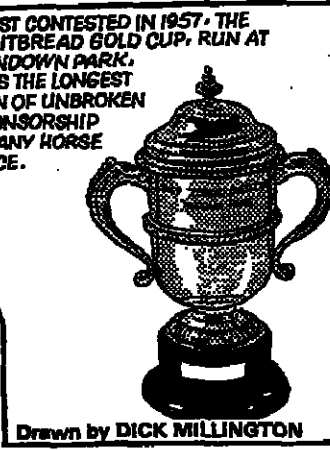
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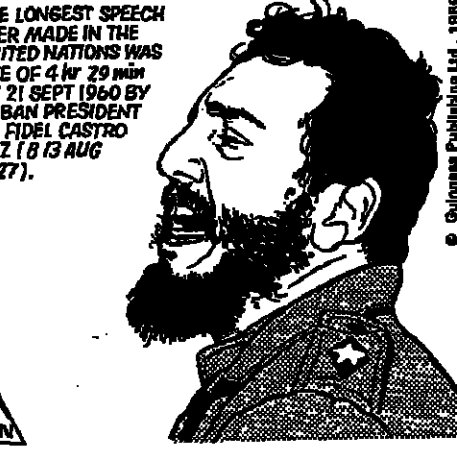


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SPORTS

Young Brothers beat Millat

YOUNG Brothers Cricket Club scored a convincing four-wicket victory over Millat Cricket Club in the 'Uman Trophy' played at the Sharq grounds on Friday.

MCC won the toss and opted to bat first. Openers Raza and Hameed started confidently scoring 22 runs before Raza was bowled by Omar Baig for 4. Hameed thereafter took control and was batting well when he too was bowled by Outbuddin for 38. After that, wickets kept falling at regular intervals and MCC ended with 143 runs to their credit in the allotted 22 overs.

For YBCC, the successful bowlers were Afzal, Donald, and Outbuddin with 2 wickets to their credit while Omar and Amjad got one each.

YBCC openers Mirza and Zagar responded well with an opening partnership of 77 runs before Mirza was caught off Raza for 27. Next to go was Zagar with a timely 46. Amjad with a splendid knock of 67 saw YBCC safely reach their victory target of 144 in the 19th over. Hameed with two, Jawad and Raja with one each were the successful bowlers for Millat.

Victoria crush New South Wales

SYDNEY, Jan. 23, (Reuters): Test pace bowler Merv Hughes continued his successful season by capturing six for 36 as Victoria crushed New South Wales by 200 runs in the Sheffield Shield cricket championship today.

Hughes, who in the second test against West Indies last month took a match haul of 13 wickets that included only the second broken hat-trick in test history, helped to dismiss New South Wales for 191 on the fourth and final day in Melbourne.

New South Wales, needing 392 to win, resumed at four for one and were dropped up by nightwatchman Phil Emery (83). But when he went with the total 175, the last five wickets fell for 16 runs in 40 minutes.

In Perth, stubborn resistance by ex-test batsman Dirk Wellham and Richard Soule enabled Tasmania to force a draw on the final day against champions Western Australia.

Tasmania, needing 349 to win, were 160 for seven when their captain Wellham, who demoted himself to number eight, and Soule resisted for 86 minutes, guiding the side to 200 for seven at the close.

Gulf Bank Trophy

TWO matches of Gulf Bank Trophy will be played on Thursday at Ahmadi KOC grounds.

At the new ground Unity will play Al Mualla and at the Oval Starlite will meet Bright Star.

Umpires will be provided by Falcon and Morning Star (2 each). Matches will start 2 pm.

Brazil and Britain win in Pele Cup soccer matches

SAO PAULO, Jan. 23, (AP): Brazil defeated Argentina 3-0 and Britain defeated West Germany 2-1 yesterday in games for the II Pele Cup seniors' tournament.

The crowd of about 20,000 who packed Caninde Stadium cheered such former soccer greats as Argentina's Oscar Mas, West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer and Bernd Forster, all of whom played for the first time in the two-week event.

In the Brazil-Argentina match, the home team took the offensive early in the game and scored on a foul in the first five minutes of play. Zenon made Brazil's first score.

At 13 minutes, midfielder Batista took advantage of a sudden torrential rain and a space in the Argentine defence to make a long shot straight into the opposition goal.

The southern hemisphere tropical rainstorm, which partially flooded the field, made it difficult to control the ball and at points visibility was low. Play was suspended for half an hour at halftime to allow the field to drain.

One minute into the second half, Claudio Adao scored Brazil's third and final goal, heading the ball into the net.

In an earlier game, Britain's strong marking kept West Germany team far from goal. The German team lacked energy to penetrate the British defence.

The game's first goal was scored by Britain's McKenzie at 44 minutes into the first half. West Germany tied the game with a penalty shot by Toppmoller at 4 minutes into the second half and Britain's Worthington scored his team's second goal at 23 minutes into the second half.

Teams from Brazil, West Germany, Argentina, Britain, Italy and Uruguay were participating in the tournament, which runs through Feb. 2.

MATCH CALLED OFF EARLY AS A DRAW

Rain dashes W. Indies' hopes of victory

BRISBANE, Jan. 23, (Reuters): Intermittent rain today dashed West Indies' hopes of ending Queensland's seven-year record of not being beaten by a touring side.

Their four-day match was called off early as a draw.

Chasing an improbable victory target of 409, Queensland had reached 124 for three between the showers by the close. Stuart Law was unbeaten on 36 and Peter Cantrell 31 not out.

Beginning the day on six for no wicket, Queensland lost openers Jeff Walker and Trevor Barsby to Patrick Patterson and fellow paceman Winston Benjamin accounted for Peter Clifford.

Earlier at tea on the final day, Queensland were 81 for three chasing the mammoth target set by the West Indies of 409.

Successful bowlers for the tourists have been pacemen Patrick Patterson, with 29 for two, and Winston Benjamin eight for one.

Queensland resumed this morning at six for no wicket and had taken their score to 21 when rain forced players from the field. Seven overs were lost and players took an early lunch after being forced off for a second time later in the morning.

Resuming after lunch at 49 for one, Queensland lost the wickets of Trevor Barsby (18) caught behind by David Williams off the bowling of Patterson, and Peter Clifford (8), who was caught by Carl Hooper off Benjamin.

When players were forced from the field for the second time in the morning session Queensland were 49 for one, chasing 409 for an improbable victory.

The one wicket to fall this morning was Jeff Walker (22), trapped leg before wicket by Patrick Patterson.

Australia name three spinners in Test squad

SYDNEY, Jan. 23, (Reuters): Australia, banking on a turning wicket, named three spinners for the team to take on West Indies in the fourth Test starting here on Thursday.

West Indies have won the five-Test series by taking the first three encounters in convincing style. Australia, unable to match their physically stronger opponents, are hoping to neutralise their pace attack with spin.

Balls have a tendency to turn square on the flat dusty pitches at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the venue for the upcoming clash, which has proven to be a graveyard for West Indies teams in previous summers.

The last time the two sides locked horns in 1984-85, Australia won by an innings and 55 runs, thanks to 38-year-old leg-spinner Bob Holland who took 10 wickets in the match.

Australian selectors are hoping to repeat the feat over the weekend and restore some pride to the country's sagging reputation, this time through 35-year-old Trevor Hohns.

Hohns is the longest-serving player in local first-class cricket and would be the fifth oldest Australian since World War

Two to make a Test debut. He joins off-spinners Peter Taylor and Tim May.

Hohns would also be the second "rebel" to have played in South Africa, following paceman Terry Alderman, to join the Australian side after serving a three-year ban.

Mark Taylor of New South Wales, the most consistent opener in Sheffield Shield cricket this season, was also introduced to the team, beefing up the Australian top-order batting to counter the West Indies feared pace attack.

Veteran batsman Graeme

World Open Squash championships

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 23, (AP): This year's Singer World Open Squash Championships will offer the biggest prize money in the tournament's history: \$85,000, the organising chairman said today.

Chairman Tunku Naquiyuddin ibni Tuanku Jaafar said the purse had been raised from \$80,000 last year and \$65,000 in the previous year.

"This is the biggest prize money ever offered in the history of the championships and will definitely attract all the world's leading professionals here" for the tournament from Oct. 1-7, he said.

Tunku Naquiyuddin said an International Squash Racquets Federation Challenge Trophy Tournament will be held simultaneously for players who are not entering the individual world championships but are on national team playing in the team event in Singapore immediately after the Malaysian tournament.

The international federation meet does not offer any prize money, he said.

Nordic event

BREITENWANG, Austria, Jan. 23, (AP): Baard-Joergen Elden of Norway clinched his first World Cup victory at the fifth event in this year's Nordic Combined Competition, but the fourth win for his country.

However, Elden, who took only 15th place in yesterday's jumping shared third place in overall standings with Switzerland's Hippolyt Kempf who was absent from this weekend's competition.

World Cup soccer

Spain advances steadily

NEW YORK, Jan. 23, (AP): Spain, a surprise quarterfinalist in the 1986 World Cup, is forging a path of steady advancement to soccer's 1990 championship.

Andoni Zubizarreta recorded his third consecutive shutout and Miguel Michel and Arruti Beguiristain scored yesterday as Spain beat Malta 3-0 in a Europe Group 6 World Cup qualifier.

Spain is 3-0 and leads Hungary and Northern Ireland by six points. The Spaniards have scored eight goals in three qualifiers and allowed none.

There were six other World Cup qualifiers yesterday, all in Africa. In Group A, Ivory Coast and Zimbabwe tied 0-0. In Group B, Kenya and Liberia also tied 0-0. In Group C, Cameroon beat Gabon 3-1 and Nigeria and Angola tied 2-2. In Group D, Tunisia beat Morocco 2-1 and Zambia beat Zaire 4-2.

Malta had not played Spain since a 12-1 defeat in Seville five years ago.

Playing at Valetta, Spain took the lead in the 17th minute when Alex Azzopardi fouled Manolo and Michel kicked a hard shot from the penalty area. In the 51st minute Beguiristain intercepted a pass by Malta's Silvio Camilleri and beat Maltese goalie David Cuiet.

Ivory Coast 0, Zimbabwe 0

At Harare, Alain Gumemene made five saves for the Ivory

Coast, 1-0-1, which leads Group A with three points, one ahead of Algeria. Zimbabwe, 0-1-1, is third, one point ahead of Libya.

Kenya 0, Liberia 0

At Monrovia, Kenya and Liberia remained winless after the scoreless tie.

Kenya, 0-0-2, is tied for second with Malawi, one point behind Egypt. Liberia, 0-1-1, is last.

Cameroon 3, Gabon 1

At Libreville, Kana Biyik snapped a tie with seven minutes remaining in the first half and Mbouh scored with four minutes remaining in the game.

Oman Biyik gave Cameroon in the 26th minute off a pass from Elwele before Regis Manon tied it six minutes later on a 25-yard shot.

Biyik then scored in the 38th minute off a pass from Djonkep.

Nigeria 2, Angola 2

At Luanda, Stefan Cash and Mike Obiku scored in the final 18 minutes, lifting Nigeria into a tie.

Vieira Dias gave Angola the lead in the 29th minute, lobbing the ball over Nigeria goalkeeper David Ngodiga.

Jesús, who plays for Varzim of the Portuguese Second Division, made it 2-0 in the 63rd minute off a badly-cleared corner kick.

Cash, a substitute, scored on a spectacular 33-yard shot in the 72nd minute, pulling Nigeria to 2-1. Seven minutes later, Obiku caught Angola goalkeeper Lucio

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 316 (R. Harper 82, G. Logie 67, W. Benjamin 50, C. Hooper 46)

QUEENSLAND first innings 240 (T. Barsby 67, J. Walker 41, C. Hooper five for 33)

WEST INDIES second innings 332 (G. Logie 110 not out, D. Haynes 102, T. Hohns five for 71)

QUEENSLAND second innings (oversight six for no wicket)

T. Barsby c Williams b Patterson 18

J. Walker lbw b Patterson 22

P. Cantrell not out 31

P. Clifford c Hooper b Benjamin 8

S. Law not out 36

Extras (lb-7 nb-2) 9

TOTAL (for three wickets) 124

Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-53 3-66

Bowling: Patterson 11-4-29-2, Bishop 14-5-40-0 (lbw), Benjamin 8-4-8-1, Harper 9-2-15-0, Hooper 6-3-6-0, Arthurton 1-1-15-0, Dujon 1-0-1-0, Haynes 1-0-3-0 (lbw)

Result: Match drawn

Wood, the only Australian to have scored a century against West Indies in Tests this season, and paceman Craig McDermott were dropped while the in-form Dean Jones nurses a fractured right index finger.

Dynamic all-rounder Mark Waugh is likely to be the substitute if Jones fails his fitness test. West Indies will announce their team later this week.

Australia: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Mark Taylor, Steve Waugh, Dean Jones, Ian Healy, Terry Alderman, Trevor Hohns, Peter Taylor, Tim May, Merv Hughes.

High court overrules summons on South Africa

LONDON, Jan. 23, (Reuters): Legal moves to stop a Test ban on cricketers with South African links on the grounds it would amount to blackmail were quashed today.

The high court overruled a criminal summons issued to the civil liberties organisation the Freedom Association by a magistrate yesterday alleging that plans by cricket's world governing body to impose a Test ban was blackmail.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC) was meeting at Lord's today and tomorrow to debate four resolutions — one seeks a life ban and one a four-year suspension — on the vexed issue of players working in the racially divided republic.

Lord Justice Taylor, sitting in London with Justice McNeill, said the application for the summons was "an abuse of the process of the court" and was "launched solely as a device to disrupt or embarrass the International Cricket Conference."

The summons, said the judge, was a "criminal delinquency" in dealing with a problem which is entirely civil.

The court allowed the ICC's application to have the summons set aside.

Norris McWhirter, head of the Freedom Association, said the setback would not stop an application by the association later today for a high court injunction to stop the ICC acting on its resolutions.

The association claims the ICC's attempt to restrict cricketers' rights to pursue their professional careers is an unlawful restraint of trade.

IBF bout

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan. 23, (AP): John Wesley Meekins helped Meldrick Taylor prepare for Taylor's gold-medal winning performance in the 1984 Olympics. Yesterday, Taylor stopped Meekins in the 7th round in defence of the International Boxing Federation junior welterweight title.

European soccer

PSV Eindhoven lose Koeman to Barcelona

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 23, (Reuters): European champions PSV Eindhoven, temporarily robbed of many of their key players, geared up for the permanent loss of Dutch international Roberto Koeman in their 3-1 away win over lowly MVV Maastricht yesterday.

Koeman, who signed for Spanish side Barcelona at the weekend in a deal reported to be worth \$10 million, was stuck on the bench after receiving three yellow cards.

Trainer Guus Hiddink, already missing top goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen as well as Ivan Nielsen, Jan Heintze, Wim Kieft and Jozef Chovanec through injury, watched as Adick Koot hurt his knee at the start of the match.

Practice

"All the blow are raining down on our corner," he commented.

But the Volkskrant newspaper suggested Koeman's absence at least was good practice for the

Eindhoven team. "PSV trains for post-Koeman period" its headline read.

Trouw newspaper lauded Brazilian striker Romario, who scored twice against Maastricht to take his tally to eight in his last seven competitive matches.

"Romario de Souza Faria highlighted again in Maastricht his importance for PSV," Trouw said.

Leadership rivals Ajax, who returned from the mid-season break in buoyant spirits, disappointed in their lacklustre 1-0 win at Veenendam. They remained three points behind PSV but earned scant praise for style.

Wondering

Volkskrant said "Ajax played their worst match in several months" while Trouw's headline ran "A joyless win, Veenendam makes it unnecessarily easy for Ajax."

In Italy, Napoli were left wondering how they could catch League leaders Internazionale

after they failed to find their winning touch for the third week running yesterday.

Captain Diego Maradona, who has been plagued by back pain for several weeks, decided at the last minute not to play but nobody had been underestimating how dangerous the team could be even without him.

Launched

The Italian sports papers have been full of rumours that team spirit has been soured by Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi's struggle to keep the Argentine star under his full control.

For Maradona, the frustration of shivering in the stands through the goalless draw away to Sampdoria was too much. "I can't stand it any more. Next time I'll play even with one leg," he said.

Meanwhile, Inter tightened their grip on the championship with a workmanlike 1-0 home victory over Lazio which often

lacked sparkle.

"We're notching up tight results but to judge by what's happened elsewhere I don't think the others are having less trouble," Inter manager Giovanni Trapattoni said.

The upset of the week was Atalanta's last-minute winning goal against Juventus which launched them into fourth place. The Bergamo side have lost only one game since being promoted from the Second Division this season.

"Atalanta must not be underestimated. Maybe they won't win the championship but they're certainly on for the UEFA Cup," Inter striker Aldo Serena said.

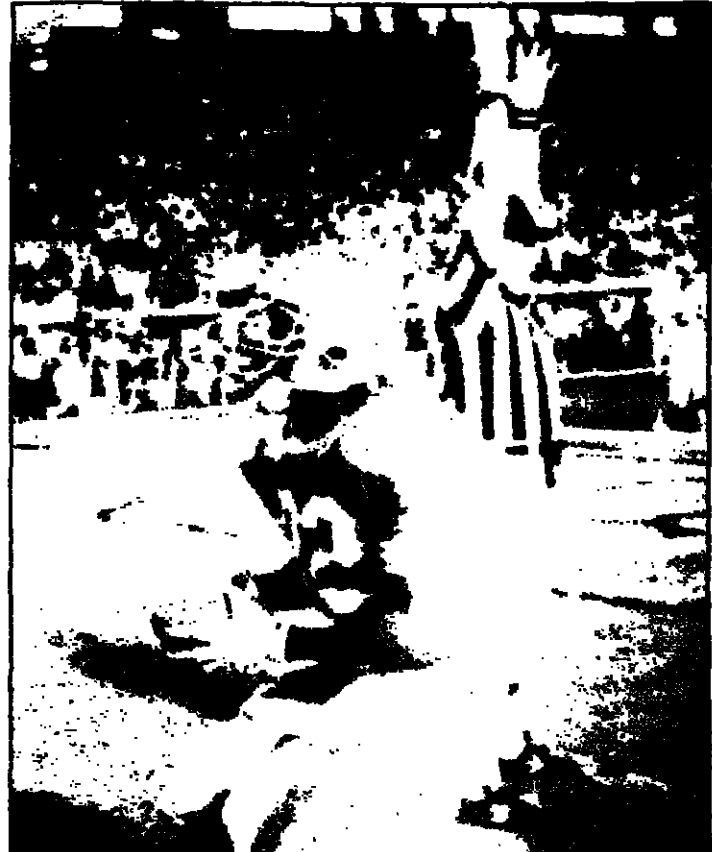
Last year's champions AC Milan continued their much-needed return to form with a 3-1 away win over Roma. Seven goals in two games have helped them claw their way back up the table, but they are still nine points adrift of the leaders.

49ers win Super Bowl in final seconds

MIAMI, Jan. 23, (Reuters): Joe Montana threw a 10-yard touchdown strike to John Taylor with just 34 seconds left to lift the San Francisco 49ers to a 20-16 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in the 23rd Super Bowl today.

With the Bengals leading 16-13 and time running out, Montana, one of the great clutch players of all time, found himself back on his own eight yard line.

Montana came out firing, completing passes to star wide receiver Jerry Rice and running back Roger Craig. He moved his team 92 yards in 10 plays and finished off one of the great come from behind victories in Super Bowl history with the pass to Taylor.



John Taylor (82) of San Francisco 49ers wide receiver makes the winning touchdown catch.

Rice caught 11 passes for 215 yards — most in the second half — more receptions than any receiver in Super Bowl history. Rice, whose effectiveness for the game was in doubt because he had reinjured his ankle less than a week before Super Sunday, was named the game's most valuable player.

"We put it together in the final drive. So much credit goes to our team to have the poise to hang in there," said 49er coach Bill Walsh after winning his third championship of the decade. Only Pittsburgh Steelers' coach Chuck Noll has won more Super Bowls with four.

Montana was quick to credit his front line for their superb pass protection.

"The guys up front gave it their all," Montana said. "We just never gave up. The guys played hard and gave me the time to what I had to do."

Come back

"It's great to come back and win it this way," Montana said on his third Super Bowl victory and his second over the Bengals.

After years of boring, one-sided affairs, this was the closest Super Bowl in 10 years and perhaps the most exciting ever. National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle called the game "the finest of our 23 Super Bowls."

The National Conference has now won the last five championships.

The underdog Bengals gave a tremendous effort in their heart-breaking loss and Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche said he was extremely proud of his team.

"They (San Francisco) won with great plays... I told the guys that no one made a mistake and lost it," Wyche said.

"We were 34 seconds away (from winning) and we're not going to forget that," he said.

Explosive

What had been expected to be an explosive, high-scoring game between the two best offenses in the League turned out to be a defensive struggle most of the way with the score level 3-3 at the half — the first halftime tie in Super Bowl history and the first time in 14 years that no touchdowns were scored in the first 30 minutes of play.

It is a credit to the Bengals that

Magnificent

The Bengals put their first points on the scoreboard with just one minute 15 seconds left in the first half when kicker Jim Breech connected with the first of his three field goals — a 34-yarder that ended the first half scoring.

Gallop

On the next play, however, Cincinnati's Stanford Jennings broke loose on the kickoff return and galloped 93 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Jennings' brilliant run brought the crowd of over 75,000 to its feet cheering wildly for the first time and the Bengals led 13-6.

Montana opened the final quarter with a fast, four-play drive that ended with a game tying, 14-yard scoring pass to Rice, who exercised extraordinary control by stretching his arm with the ball over the goal line before getting knocked out of bounds.

Dazzling

Then began the dazzling final San Francisco drive that will long be remembered by football fans.

"We've been doing this all season," Craig said of the remarkable, last-minute comeback. "We have our backs against the wall and we march down the field when we have to. We have the talent and confidence in ourselves to do it," added Craig, who ran and caught for a total of 175 yards.

"We're absolutely ecstatic about this," said Coach Walsh. "It is the culmination of years of hard work and a quarterback who is one of the greatest of all time."



San Francisco 49ers Roger Craig catches a Joe Montana pass and is airborne as he makes a first down in first quarter action. (Reuters wirephoto)



## W. Germany name Davis Cup team

BONN, Jan 23, (Reuters): West Germany will begin the defence of the Davis Cup against promoted Indonesia next month with the same four men who surprisingly snatched the team tennis title from Sweden in December.

Coach Niki Pilić today named former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, Patrick Kuehnen, Eric Jelen and Carl-Uwe Steeb in a full-strength side for the world group tie in Karlsruhe on Feb. 3-5.

The four men were hailed as national heroes after they won West Germany's first ever Davis Cup title in Gothenburg with a convincing 4-1 win over favourites Sweden, who were appearing in their sixth successive final.

Becker's call up came within hours of his surprise fourth-round defeat in the Australian Open today, the West German third seed losing 7-6 6-4 6-3 to Swede Jonas Svensson.

## Pole vault record

MOSCOW, Jan 23, (Reuters): Radion Gataullin of the Soviet Union became the first man to clear six metres indoors when he broke compatriot Sergei Bubka's world indoor pole vault record of 5.97 metres at a meeting in Leningrad yesterday.

Tass news agency said that Gataullin, 23, vaulted 6.00 on his first attempt.

Bubka, whose indoor mark had stood since March 1987, holds the world outdoor record of 6.06.

## E. German wins

OBERHOF, East German, Jan 23, (AP): Jens Weissflog of East Germany won the second World Cup ski jumping competition at Oberhof yesterday with leaps of 90 metres (99 yards) and 87.5 metres (96.2 yards).

The performance from the 70-metre (77-yard) tower gave him a total of 229 points, the state-run ADN news agency reported.

Norway's Ole Gunnar Fidjestøl placed second with two 89-metre (97.9-yard) jumps or at a total of 221.1. Fellow countryman Jon Inge Kjørum came in third with jumps of 89.5 metres (98.4 yards) and 86.5 metres (95.1 yards) for a total of 218.7 points.

Jan Bokloev of Sweden, who leads in the overall cup standings, came in eighth with a point total of 213.6 with jumps of 89 metres and 86.5 metres.

## Soviet beaten in chess tournament

WIJK-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Jan 23, (AP): The Hoogeveen tournament was thrown wide open yesterday when Soviet grandmaster Vitaly Csechovsky lost in the eighth round.

Csechovsky, who alone had led the 14 top players, lost while playing back against Hungary's Gyula Sax.

The annual tournament is worth 12,500 guilders (\$6,250) to the winner.

Just as in Saturday's round, the Soviet took to the offensive in an effort to outsmart his opponent. Sax, however, kept a cool head, simplified the position, and coasted to victory in an easy ending with a two-pawn majority.

Csechovsky resigned at his 41st, when he was on the verge of being mated.

The defeat left him on top of standings, but he was joined there by Hungary's Zoltan Ribli who stopped the clock after an uninspired 19 moves with white from an English opening against Britain's Tony Miles to chalk up yet another half point.

Sax, with six draws and two victories to his name, remained the only unbeaten player in the field of fourteen.

The draw kept Vaganian in third place, alongside Sax and Ivan Sokolov of Yugoslavia, who rose from the ranks on the strength of a fine victory in 46 moves with white from a Slav defence against his countryman Predrag Nikolic.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Sheraton bridge game played on Tuesday, N/S

- 1) Magdi Mesdani & Adly Tiab
- 2) Mohamed Heneidi & Sherin Bassioni
- 3) Mr & Mrs Gerard Asfar

- 1) Abdellatif Duij & Stanislas Drexler
- 2) Mrs Beatrice Pereira & Aubry D'Souza
- 3) Gopal & Ramu Meenon

NAVRA TILOVA BRUSHES ASIDE MANDLIKOVA

# Mecir profits as Becker crashes out

MELBOURNE, Jan 23, (Reuters): Miloslav Mecir continued his stealthy progress towards the Australian Open men's tennis final today after Boris Becker's fourth-round defeat cleared yet another seeded player from the Olympic champion's path.

The ninth-seeded Czechoslovak beat South Africa's Christo van Rensburg 6-4 6-1 6-0 to reach a quarterfinal against qualifier Goran Ivanisevic, a 17-year-old Yugoslav with a fiery forehand and a temper to match.

Mecir and Jonas Svensson, the 7-6 6-4 6-3 conqueror of Becker, are the only seeds left in the top section of the draw after world number one Mats Wilander, Yannick Noah, Mikael Pernfors and Henri Leconte all met untimely defeats.

## Knocked

"I'm not complaining about everyone being knocked out — I can't do anything about," said Mecir, beaten finalist at the 1986 US Open.

Svensson, a French Open semifinalist last year, next plays compatriot Jan Gunnarsson who beat eighth-seeded Leconte in the first round on the way to his first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

The 14th-seeded Svensson's all-round game proved too much for Becker whose serve never looked the weapon which won him two Wimbledon titles.

The West German served just six aces, was unsuccessful with over 50 per cent of his first serves and made twice as many unforced errors as the Swede.

"I played a professional game today I thought, I did my job and



Van Rensburg 'fires' at the net cord judge after a wild shot knocked her hat off. (Reuters wirephoto)

I did it good," Svensson said later.

"I played him a few times before and I lost because I was always afraid to play my own game. Today I said okay, I'm going to try to play more my own game than I have done before."

"I feel much more solid than I did in Paris. Then it was like the breakthrough and now I feel more comfortable, more relaxed," said Svensson, who beat Ivan Lendl to reach the last four at Roland Garros.

Becker, like Wilander finding

self-motivation difficult, said he would not be surprised if Svensson won the tournament.

"I haven't seen many players beat Lendl the way he did, almost in the same way he beat me today, in straight sets. When he's hot, he's hot."

"He can hit winners from any position of the court, that's the dangerous thing."

"I played good tennis last week so it wasn't a problem of me playing good or bad tennis. I just couldn't get keyed up for the match somehow."



Becker flips his racket behind his back during the last set. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mecir was untroubled by Van Rensburg whose attempt to blow his opponent out of his groove by taking risks on practically every shot backfired badly.

"I would have been happier if there had been a few more rallies as I did not get a lot of chances to

play," Mecir said.

Gunnarsson eased to a 7-6 6-1 6-2 win over Dutchman Michiel Schapers who knocked Becker out of the 1985 Open in the second round.

Ivanisevic, a gangly teenager who had won just one Grand

Prix singles before coming to Australia last month, fought back from two sets down to win 3-6 3-6 3-6 4-6-1.

Tomorrow's women's quarterfinals pit Martina Navratilova against Helena Sukova following straight-set victories by the two Czechoslovak-born players.

Second seed Navratilova had to overcome an early flurry of form from Hans Mandlikova, once also of Czechoslovakia, now an Australian, before running out a 6-4 6-1 winner in what she termed her best performance of the Open.

Sukova flurried with danger, saving two set points in the first set against Catherine Tanvier before winning 7-5 6-4 on a hot centre court.

## Successful

Sukova played Navratilova, now an American, in three successive tournaments at the end of last year. She lost the first two matches but won their last meeting in the end-of-season women's circuit championship.

"She knows I beat her last time and that might help me. I've got as far as I was supposed to get so now I have nothing to lose," said Sukova, who will be attempting to prevent the three-times winner reaching her ninth successive Open semifinal.

World number one Steffi Graf, yet to drop a set, meets Claudia Kohde-Kilsch while number three seed Gabriela Sabatini plays Zina Garrison in other quarterfinals tomorrow.

Unseeded Belinda Cordwell and Catarina Lindqvist also clash after straight-set wins today.

## Svensson named in Swedish Cup team

STOCKHOLM, Jan 23, (Reuters): Jonas Svensson, destroyer of third seed Boris Becker in the Australian Open today, was named in Sweden's Davis Cup squad for their opening world group tie against Italy next month.

Missing from the line-up was world number one Mats Wilander who had said he was contemplating a complete break from the game after his shock second-round defeat by India's Ramesh Krishnan here.

"Mats wants to rest and think things over. I don't want to pressure him and he didn't play well here," non-playing captain Jonte Sjogren, who is also Wilander's personal coach, told Swedish reporters in Melbourne.

Instead of playing the Davis Cup, Wilander has embarked on a 2,500-km trip with wife Sonya to Ayers Rock in the Australian outback in an attempt to recharge his batteries and rid himself of persistent shin splint problems.

## Supreme

Sjogren said the squad for the tie on February 3-5 would be completed by Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, doubles specialist Anders Jarryd, and Mikael Pernfors.

Sweden, dethroned as Cup holders by West Germany last December, will play Italy on a fast indoor surface in the southern Swedish town of Malmö.

Svensson, who beat Becker in straight sets, was expected to play well on the supreme court surface in Malmö, Sjogren said.

Jan Gunnarsson, who meets Svensson in the Australian Open quarterfinals, was nominated as reserve under a new Davis Cup rule which permits one team change up to an hour before the draw.

Gunnarsson may be needed. Edberg has said he would prefer not to play in the tie because of a tough schedule and Pernfors hurt his neck when he was eliminated from the Open here.

The tie against Italy will be Sjogren's first as non-playing captain. Earlier this month he replaced the successful Hasse Olsson who led Sweden to six consecutive finals between 1983-88.

## Spraggett takes lead in chess quarterfinal

QUEBEC CITY, Jan 23, (AP): Canadian grandmaster Kevin Spraggett scored a 5-4 move victory over Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union in the second game of their World Chess Championship candidates quarterfinal yesterday.

Spraggett took a 1.5-0.5 lead with the victory. When play ended, the 34-year-old Montreal resident received a standing ovation, punctuated by loud cheering, from the 250 spectators at Quebec's Jacques Cartier Hall.

Spraggett, playing white, refuted a dangerous attack on his king in the middle game to emerge with an advantage in pieces. Yusupov resigned when an elegant combination from the Canadian trapped the Soviet player's queen.

Widely considered an underdog by experts before the contest began, Spraggett now requires only draws from the remaining four games to reach the semifinal stage. A win scores one point and a draw a half.

## Chances

"I don't want to get too excited about this," said Dave Ross, a chess master from Vancouver who acts as Spraggett's chief second. "But if Kevin can draw the next game he must have very good chances."

In that game, scheduled for tomorrow Spraggett will play with the disadvantage of the black pieces. It will be one of Yusupov's two remaining chances to go on the attack with white.

The winner of the candidates, a series of knockout matches, will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov in a 10-week title contest scheduled for 1990.

British grandmaster Jonathan Speelman, who defeated fellow countryman Nigel Short last August, is the only player so far to make the semifinals, which will be staged this October in London.

The third quarterfinal, between former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Johann Hårtartson of Iceland, is scheduled to begin on Jan 28 in Seattle, Washington.

When Yusupov neutralized Spraggett's early edge many experts predicted the game would end in a draw.

## E. Germany joins anti-doping campaign

EAST BERLIN, Jan 23, (Reuters): East Germany has agreed to join the United States and the Soviet Union in a campaign to improve international anti-doping controls.

US Olympic Committee president Robert Helmick told reporters today he had signed a deal with East Germany yesterday and also agreed on an exchange of US and East German sports teams and officials.

He did not give exact details of the accord and the East German DTSB sports federation could not immediately provide the text. The US and the Soviet Union agreed in principle in November

to mutual drug testing of athletes. East Germany said last month it was prepared to co-operate with Washington and Moscow on anti-doping measures but was not ready to agree to mutual testing.

There was no indication today that the position had changed.

## Desire

Helmick said: "After we initiated our talks in Seoul (at the Olympics), the GDR (East Germany) came forward and expressed a desire to join this agreement."

"I want to quickly add that the doping problem cannot be

solved by bilateral agreements. It's only going to be solved by a universal endeavour."

"But the universal endeavour is never going to be accomplished unless the major sports countries — the GDR, the USA and the USSR — are very, very serious about total testing."

"Of immediate importance today is our joining together to find some common solutions to the problem of doping in sport. We feel that the agreement... lays a very strong foundation for future success," he said.

Over the weekend Helmick held talks with DTSB president Klaus Eichler and the Commun-

ist Party politburo member responsible for sport, Egon Krenz.

US swimming, athletics and gymnastics federation chiefs were among the top sports officials who accompanied Helmick.

## Announced

He said the two sides agreed on a wide range of exchanges and details would be announced later.

"We can expect excellent competition for our athletes and for your athletes," he said. East Germany had also expressed interest in going to the Goodwill Games in Seattle next year.

## Boston and New York triumph

BOSTON, Jan 23, (AP): Robert Parish scored 12 points and Danny Ainge 10 during a 39-point third quarter yesterday as the Boston Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 112-99.

Kevin McHale and Reggie Lewis had six points each and Dennis Johnson five in the decisive burst.

In the only other National Basketball Association game yesterday, New York defeated Portland 120-116.

Isiah Thomas pulled Detroit into a 44-44 tie in the opening minute of the second half, but the Celtics regained the lead on baskets by Lewis and McHale.

Then, with Boston ahead 49-48, Danny Ainge, returning from a two-game absence because of back trouble, hit a 3-pointer, triggering the big rally with his first points of the game.

Boston increased its lead to 68-62 before going on a 12-0 run that included three baskets by Parish and a three-point play by Ainge.

McHale led the Celtics with 27 points, Parish 22 and Lewis 21. Thomas scored 26 points for Detroit.

**Knicks 120, Trail Blazers 116** Gerald Wilkins scored 26 points and Mark Jackson made two important steals in the final minutes as New York snapped a

three-game road losing streak despite Clyde Drexler's 48 points.

New York trailed 77-57 in the third quarter. The Knicks closed to 84-79 in the next five minutes as Wilkins scored seven of his nine third-quarter points.

Rod Strickland scored five points in a 9-2 run at the end of the quarter, his tip-in pulling New York to 90-88 at the end of the period.

The Knicks went ahead 114-113 with 2:53 remaining on a layup by Wilkins after Jackson, who scored 19 points, stole on a double team of Portland's Terry Porter.

## Visser wins

GOTEBORG, Sweden, Jan 23, (AP): Leo Visser from the Netherlands clinched the gold in the European Speed Skating Championships here yesterday after winning the final 10,000 metre race.

Second, both in the 10,000 metre race and in the overall standings, was Visser's fellow countryman Gerard Kampfers and bronze medalist Geir Karlstad from Norway.

Visser, one of the favourites in the absence of the defending champion Thomas Gustafsson from Sweden, clocked 14 minutes 49.12 seconds in the 10,000 metre race and gathered a total of 168.427 points.

## Two spectators killed in Monte Carlo crash

AUBENAS, France, Jan 23, (UPI): Two spectators were killed and three others injured at the Monte Carlo auto rally today when Italian driver Alessandro Fiorio inexplicably careened off a dry road.

Fiorio, son of Fiat automobile company sports director Cesare Fiorio, had his Lancia Delta four-wheel drive car equipped with an experimental electronic semi-automatic clutch, but it was not immediately known if that played a role in the accident. It was the driver's second accident in two days. Two people were injured yesterday when his vehicle slid off a snowy track.

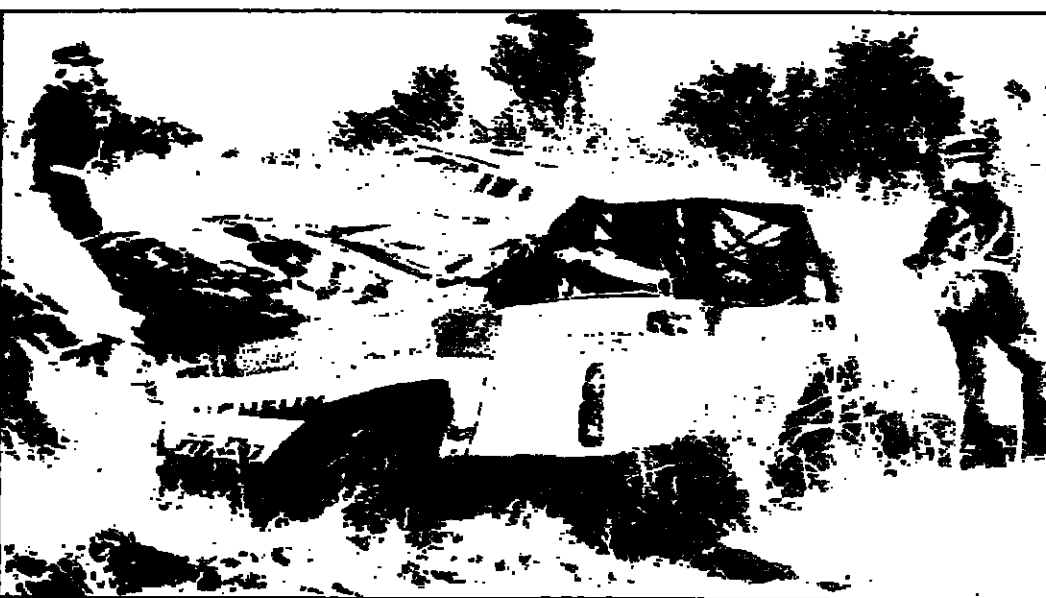
## Serious

The names of the accident victims weren't immediately known. Witnesses said they were all male.

Officials said one of the injured was in serious condition, with two others less serious in nearby hospitals.

The accident occurred at 10:50 am one kilometre from the start of the special trial at Chateau de Boulogne. Fiorio's car ended up wrecked in a ditch but he and navigator Luigi Pirolo were unhurt.

A Lancia representative in Monaco said Fiorio was the only member of the team with the specially designed clutch. Fiorio



Fiorio's car after the crash. (Reuters wirephoto)

had been ranked seventh at the end of yesterday's race. The representative said the stretch of road appeared to be bumpy.

Rally officials invoked a rule suspending the stage of the rally, with the remaining drivers given the time of the last driver to complete the stage.

Fiorio, 33, plowed into a group of spectators lining the route, killing one instantly. The

second victim, suffering head injuries, was pronounced dead a short time later after being transported by helicopter to a local hospital.

One of the injured in yesterday's accident suffered a broken femur.

Despite his young age, Fiorio is an experienced driver, finishing third in the 1988 world championship standings. Yet he was

reported to have had difficulties with the experimental clutch in earlier tests on his Lancia.

The rally's sixth stage was scheduled to begin as normal later today.

The crash occurred after the first eight drivers had already gone past. The other 137 drivers were diverted to the next special stage of the race.

According to race regulations,

they will receive the same time for the stage, the fifth timed section from Chateau de Boulogne to Lyons.

The 137 drivers will be marked down as having completed the stage in the 21 minutes 43 seconds taken by Hannu Mikkola of Finland, slowest of the eight drivers who finished the stage.

Italian world champion Massimo Biasion was leading the race after the fifth stage, just one second ahead of stage-winner Didier Auriol of France.

Another 19 timed stages remain before the rally ends on Thursday morning.

## Withdraw

Former world champion Timo Salonen of Finland withdrew from the rally today in what his team said was a bid to help teammates Hannu Mikkola of Finland and Georges de Mevius of Belgium.

A spokesman for the Mazda team said Salonen, who was 19 minutes behind Biasion after the first full day's racing yesterday, had decided to drop out to prevent his team's service trucks from being delayed.

Salonen, world champion in 1985, received a 12-minute time penalty yesterday after arriving late at a control post because of brake problems.

## BOXING

### Coggi planning to take on Japanese

VASTO, Italy, Jan 23, (AP): WBA junior welterweight champion Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina, recognizing that American challenger Harold Brazier proved to be one of the toughest opponents he ever faced, said he does not want a rematch.

"Brazier is part of the past by now. I am already thinking of the next defence and of another challenger," Coggi said.

His manager, Santos Zacarias, said that the 27-year-old fighter from Santa Fe is going to stage the third defence of his title against Japanese challenger Akinobu Hiramaka by March 21. The Japanese boxer is the No. 1 challenger in the World Boxing Association lists.

## Forced

Hard-hitting Coggi, who is used to early knockout wins, was forced to go to the distance for scoring an unanimous but close decision in his title fight with Brazier in this central Italian town on Saturday night.

The defensive ability of the 33-year-old from Santa Fe, Bend, Indiana, and his precise rights caused Coggi psychological and tactical problems throughout the 12-round bout.